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DESAI-LIAQUAT PLAN: VICEROY'S COUNTER-DEMAND

Will Not Brook Interference From League-Congress High Commands

(From Our Correspondent)

LAHORE, March 23.

What is described as the Desai-Liaquat formula for solution of the Indian Deadlock is of very limited scope.

Under its terms the two leaders of the Opposition parties in the Central Legislature are reported to have agreed in their plans for resolving the deadlock which shall be within the frame work of Government of India Act 1935 for the purpose of forming a Provisional Government at the Centre.

SHARE OUT OF EXECUTIVE

The reformed Executive Council will consist of 13 members excluding the Commander-in-Chief five Hindus, five Muslims one Sikh one Scheduled caste and one from the minorities.

ASSURANCE FROM VICEROY

An assurance similar to that obtained by Congress Ministries before assuming office from the Governors in the respective Provinces in July, 1937 will be sought from the Viceroy not to interfere with the work of the Executive Council.

NOT BINDING ON CONGRESS

A settlement, if arrived at, between the two great leaders will not be named Congress-League settlement, but usually well-informed circles in touch with Wardha hold the view that the Congress leaders joining the reformed Executive Council will have to resign responsible office in the Congress.

FREEDOM FOR PROVINCES

The decision arrived at will not be binding upon the Provinces but will be free from any obligation and may form Coalition Cabinets wherever possible.

VICEROY'S TERMS

The Viceroy insisted upon the two leaders that topmost leaders should join the reformed Council to avoid interference from High Commands at the crucial moments.

Ministerial circles in Lahore are not perturbed over the Press speculation regarding Lord Wavell's air trip to England, because they hope such efforts would prove abortive.

THIRD ARMY TAKES LANDAU

Artillery Duel Across Rhine

From Reuter's Special Correspondent with the United States Third Army, March 23: The Third Army to-day captured Landau on the German escape route from the pocket between the Third and Seventh Armies after an advance of eight miles.

The British planes in to-day's assault are operating for the first time from an aeroddome inside Germany.

ARTILLERY DUEL

The German News Agency reporting artillery duels across the Rhine on Field-Marshal Montgomery's front for the second successive day said late this morning "preparations for crossing the Lower Rhine appear to be complete."

SHAEF COMMUNIQUE

SHAEF, Friday (Reuter): Gen. Eisenhower's 'communique' to-day said: "Allied forces continued to reduce the German bridgehead west of the Rhine. We control the west bank of the river from Coblenz to Ludwigshaven, although our forces have not reached the river at all points along this stretch." Armoured elements are within five miles north-west and seven miles west of Speyer.

The advances have freed several thousand Allied nationals.

IN SIEGFRIED AREA

In the remaining sections of the Siegfried Line the Germans are fighting stubbornly but the Allies are through the fortifications at several more points. Several more have been cleared in the Remagen bridgehead where the Allies are pushing on in face of moderate resistance south of Honnef.

The New York radio quoting a dispatch from the Western Front said strict censorship was imposed to-day on the British Second Army Front.

Bombay Govt. Reallocates Business

Control of business in the Government of Bombay has been reallocated among the Advisers to His Excellency the Governor as follows:—

Sir Charles Bristow—Finance Department (Proper) Services, Home Department Civil Defence, Labour and Legal Department.

Mr. G. F. S. Collins—Reconstruction Department, Revenue Excise and Public Works Department.

Mr. H. P. Tamboli—Civil Supplies, Local Self-Government, Education, Medical and Public Health, Industries and Political (Political and Services Department subjects excluding Services Labour and such other subjects as naturally go with the main subjects in charge of other Advisers).

NEW ASSAM CABINET

Representation Of Various Parties

NEW ASSAM CABINET

SHILLONG, March 23 (A.P.I.)—The new Cabinet which Sir Md. Saadulla proposes to form will, it is learnt, include the following:

Sir Md. Saadulla (Premier and Minister in Charge of Home and Supply Portfolios); Khan Bahadur Saiyedur Rahaman (Education); Mr. Munwar Ali (Forest); Mr. Abdul Matin Choudhury (Reconstruction and P.W.D.); Khan Saheb Muddabbir Hossain Choudhury (Civil Defence, Medical and Public Health); Mr. Rohinikumar Choudhury (Revenue, Judicial and Jail); Mr. Baidyanath Mukherjee (Finance, Transport and Publicity); Mr. Akshaykumar Das (Industry and Co-operation); Mr. Surendranath Baragohain (Excise, Labour and Local Self-Government); Mr. Rupnath Brahma (Agriculture and Veterinary).

The distribution of the portfolios was made, it is further learnt, at a meeting which Sir Saadulla had with his proposed colleagues in the new Cabinet this evening.

The new Ministry takes the oath of allegiance tomorrow.

"Opportunity Knocks On Amery's Door"

LONDON, March 23 (A. P. A.): The "News Chronicle" carried an uncaptioned cartoon to-day showing the door of the India Office. Outside stands a girl marked "Opportunity", holding the hand of a small Indian boy marked "India's Future."

The girl is beckoning inside the door where Viscount Wavell is portrayed, with what seems to be an appreciate grin, with the Secretary of State Mr. Amery squatting in the semi-nude, expressionless.

Racial Arrogance And Govt.'s Responsibility

M. L. A.'s Accuse Officials For Piloting Nichols And His 'Verdict On India'

NEW DELHI, March 23 (A.P.I.)—Speaking in the Assembly on the Finance Bill Sir Azizul Haque, Commerce Member, dealt with the Cloth situation, the question of consumer goods import and India's export trade.

The Commerce Member hoped that the new cloth distribution system would be in proper working order within a month. He was reluctant to take part in the controversy that had been started between the Centre and the Bengal Province but he assured the House that already Government were rushing emergency supplies to Bengal and Government would take similar steps wherever the need arose. He fully realised the tremendous difficulties of the Bengal Government which were faced with the famine and now with the difficult distribution problem.

"DUMMIES"

Mr. Abdul Qaiyum (Congress) made a strong attack on the Government of India. He declared: "The Member for Commonwealth relations and the Member for Commerce and Industries were speaking of the difficulties which they had to face. I know, Sir, they will face difficulties, that they will cheerfully face public criticism, they will even face jeering by the people of this country, they may even face defeat after defeat with equanimity on the floor of this House and, if the necessity arose, I am sure they will even go so far as to face the firing squad. But there is one thing which the Members of the Government of India will not face—the people of this country. They are mortally afraid of them. Defeats have been administered to the Treasury benches two, and sometimes three, times every day," he went on. "The position of the Government of India reminds me of dummies stuffed with sand or clay which are used by soldiers on the North-West Frontier for bayonet practice. Like these dummies, the bayonet has pierced the heart of this Government, many a time but we found that there is absolutely no life in it; there is just straw or lifeless clay or sand. We do not want a Government of that type. We want a Government which will have a heart which is pulsating with life, a heart which will respond to the desires of the 400 million people of this country."

RACIAL ARROGANCE

Referring to the attitude of the Anglo-Saxon race towards the coloured people he said: "Let us hope that India will be free some day and will have the strength to retaliate and drive some sense into these arrogant nations which are actuated by racial prejudice and which discriminate between man and man in this world."

Mr. Frank Anthony devoted his speech to a strong denunciation of Beverley Nichols' book "Verdict On India" and a spirited defence of the Anglo-Indian community. He declared that all plans for postwar reconstruction and peace would inevitably be still-born if racialism was to be practised as it was practised in South Africa. "Verdict on India" was a sordid and deliberately distorted villification of India as a whole inspired by an evil sense of racial superiority. Throughout the book there was the strongest virus of racial arrogance and contempt for India.

It was not merely a libel against the Hindus but against India and against the Anglo-Indian community. He did not expect any Britisher to sink to such squalid depths in order to malign a community to which Britain and her Empire owed irreparable debt.

"I cannot refrain from blaming the Government of India in this matter", said Mr. Anthony. "Let me tell Government that there is a wide-spread feeling that this book has been officially or at least semi-officially inspired, that Beverly Nichols was given priority passage to come here and that he was given all kinds of facilities, which were arranged by officials. I do not know if this is true.

Sir Sultan Ahmed said he had already categorically denied that.

Mr. Sami Venkatachellam Chetty: I can deny what you say. I know Nichols was in Madras and chaperoned by an official of the National War Front who arranged a party for him.

Mr. K. C. Neogy: Nichols was piloted here for sometime by Dr. Spear who was for sometime an official whip.

"PORNOGRAPHIC LITERATURE"

Mr. Anthony condemned references in the book to the women of his community. It was very easy to point out one's finger at the women especially during war time when they enjoyed some freedom but it would be easy for Mr. Anthony also if he went to England to point his finger at the activities of the women there. He thought the book had done terrible injury to the cause of Britain here and brought Europeans to contempt. He condemned the book as lurid pornographic literature which the author had written to fill his pockets.

Mr. Jamnadas Mehta warned the country against the attempt to secure full employment by freezing war jobs. He asked for resistance to the pressure which might be exerted in the post-war years against technical improvement. Full employment in the post-war years, he said, should mean employment of land, capital, technical skill and labour.

The Assembly adjourned till Monday.

Cawnpore Ban On Shia Conference

LUCKNOW, March 22 (A. P. I.): The proposed session of the All-India Shia Political Conference will not be held during the Easter holidays at Cawnpore because the Collector has refused permission to hold it at any public place", says the Hon. Secretary of the Conference.

Sind Congressman Released

HYDERABAD, (Sind) March 23 (A. P. I.): Prof. N. R. Malkani, a prominent Congressman, who had been detained since August 1942 was released from the Central Prison in the afternoon to-day.

AMERICAN EAST COAST PORT, March 23. (A P A): Resumption of trade between France and the United States began with the unloading of the first shipment of cognac and perfume from a ship operated by the French Lines which arrived here Wednesday.

T. U. C. SUPPORT TO AHMEDABAD LABOUR STAND

Move To Seek Gandhiji's Advice In Bonus Dispute

BOMBAY, March 23 (A. P. I.): It is learnt here that the Textile Labour Association of Ahmedabad will seek the advice of Mahatma Gandhi on the question of breakdown of conciliation proceedings regarding the bonus dispute with the Millowners' Association. The Millowners' Association have already replied to the Labour Association that they are not prepared to take the dispute to the Arbitration Court.

A spokesman of the All-India Trade Union Congress told an Associated Press reporter that the Trade Union Congress has fully supported the stand taken by the Textile Labour Association of Ahmedabad on this question and pleaded for public support to bring pressure on the millowners to grant the demands of the workers as any strike in textile mills would add to the distress of the people, when there was already acute shortage of cloth in the country.

RAJEN BABU'S PERSONAL PROPERTIES TO BE RETURNED

PATNA, March 23 (A. P. A.): The personal properties belonging to Dr. Rajendra Prasad now in detention which were locked up in the Sadaquat Ashram after his arrest in August 1942, will be returned to him.

The decision of the Government to this effect has, it is understood, been conveyed to Dr. Rajendra Prasad by the District Magistrate and Dr. Rajendra Prasad has deputed two persons including his Secretary to make a list of the articles which is being done in the presence of police officers.

COST OF JAPAN'S DEFEAT TO BE DUMPED ON INDIA?

"Financial News" Alarmed At Pace Of Growing Sterling Balances

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, March 23.

Commenting on Viscount Wavell's visit the "Financial News" writes: There is no reason to believe that the controversial question of blocked Sterling Balances forms part of Lord Wavell's London discussions. Nevertheless it may be hoped that opportunity will be taken to reconsider the Government's policy. Growth of these balances, which is already proceeding at an alarming pace will be further expedited during the second phase of the war if the system at present in operation continues to be applied. The amount of India's holding of sterling will reach staggering figure by the time the war will end. It would perhaps be not much to ask that the second phase of war should be financed in such a way as to avoid further increase of the already excessive amount of India's blocked balances. The time has come for reconsideration of arrangements concluded at the beginning of the war which have led to the spectacular increase in India's sterling balances. Since the final phase of the war is being fought to remove for ever the danger of Japanese invasion of India it is surely reasonable that India should contribute her full share in its financing.

V. C. For 4,000-lb. Bomb Raider Pilot

LONDON, March 23. (Reuter): The Victoria Cross has been awarded to one of the first R.A.F. pilots to drop a 4,000-pound bomb on Germany—acting Squadron leader Robert Anthony Maurice Palmer of 109 squadron. He is missing after his 110th bombing mission.

ADJOURNMENT RULED OUT

Echo Of Sind Railway Accident In Assembly

NEW DELHI, March 23 (A.P.I.)—The subject of the recent railway accident in Sind was sought to be raised in an adjournment motion in the Central Assembly today, by Mr. Lalchand Navalrai. His motion sought to discuss "the tragic collision, owing to criminal negligence of the railway, of trains on the N.W.R., Sind, on March 21 at 3 a.m. at Jungshahi station causing loss of life and property."

The President asked on what ground the mover stated that the accident was caused by criminal negligence. According to press reports there was fog at the time, he added.

Mr. Lalchand Navalrai argued that negligence consisted in allowing the train to follow another on the same line.

Sir Edward Benthal, War Transport Member, stated that the accident came to the Railway Department's notice (yesterday) and they immediately published all the information in their possession. There was nothing in the information available, he suggested, to support the charge of negligence, nor had the point been definitely established whether there was fog or not.

The President in ruling the motion out of order, observed that because an unfortunate accident had occurred it was not a good ground for an adjournment motion. There was no evidence of any negligence on the part of the local Railway officers, much less the Government of India.

LONDON, March 23, (Reuter): Despite many air attacks and minelaying activity only three ships have been blown up in the Suez Canal since the war started, according to reports reaching London from Paris.

CEYLON IGNORES SOULBURY COMMISSION

State Council Changes Name Of Island To Sri Lanka: Bandaranaike's Bill Demands Full Self-Govt.

COLOMBO, March 23 (A. P. I.): The Ceylon State Council wants the name of the island changed to Sri Lanka.

Despite protests from the Minister of Local Administration, Mr. S. W. R. Bandaranaike, Sri Lanka has been substituted for ceylon in Mr. Bandaranaike's Constitution Bill which passed its third reading yesterday.

The Bill demands self-government including the entire control of internal defence and shipping, and ignores the presence of the Soulbury Commissioners.

Big 3 To Meet Again?

LONDON, March 23, (U.P.I.) With the war in Europe reaching the climax political circles are busy with reports that the "Big Three" will meet once again. Knowledgeable circles believe that the meeting will be held in London and political problems in Europe will be discussed with a view to giving the final shape to the national boundaries of different nations.

It is also stated in these circles with some amount of certainty that a conference of the Foreign Ministry is likely to be held in London soon after the conclusion of the San Francisco Conference.

Cranborne To Preside Over Empire Conference

LONDON, March 23, (Reuter): Viscount Cranborne, Dominions Secretary, will preside at the Empire Conference to be held in London early next month preceding the San Francisco talks, the Dominions Office announces.

INDIA'S STATUS AT 'FRISCO

Caroe's Confidence In Delegation's Demand

NEW DELHI, March 23 (A. P. I.): The Indian delegation to San Francisco would claim that India was entitled to separate representation at the conference as a state which had taken an important part in the war. This reply was given by Sir Olaf Caroe, External Affairs Secretary, in reply to question in the Assembly to-day as to whether, in case the question of India's status was raised at the conference, the delegation would claim that India was a sovereign state.

Sardar Sant Singh asked what precautions the Government of India had taken against possible objection to India being included in the conference on the ground that she was a non-sovereign state.

Sir Olaf Caroe: We can leave that with the greatest confidence to the delegates of the Government of India (cheers).

Mr. N. M. Joshi asked whether the Government of India would consider the advisability of including in the delegation a Labour representative.

Sir Olaf replied that the question should be addressed to the Labour Member.

STOP PRESS

Wavell In London

LONDON, (Friday). (Reuter): The Viceroy, Field Marshal Lord Wavell, arrived in London to-night.

RUSSIAN ADVANCE.

LONDON, March 23. (U.P.A.): German radio to-day reported Russians reached outskirts Golzow, thirty-three miles eastnortheast of Berlin and 7 miles west of Kuestrin.

D. F. C. AWARD.

LONDON, March 23. (Reuter): The Distinguished Flying Cross has been awarded to Flight-Lt. Oswald Anthony Hardy of Bombay.

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Suit No. 1110 of 1939.
DATTATRAYA VISHNU SANT ..... Plaintiff.
versus
CHHAGANLAL MAGANDAS GUJERATHI .... Defendant

PURSUANT to the Decree Absolute for Sale, date 17th April, 1940, the following immovable properties will be sold in one lot by Public Auction by the Commissioner of this Honourable Court at his Office in the Court House on FRIDAY, 20th April, 1945, at 3-30 P. M. (S.T.).

PARTICULARS.

FIRSTLY—All that piece of land with building or structures thereon, at Chopde, Taluka Chopde, District East Khandesh bearing Plot No. 379 of sheet No. 24 and bearing house No. 549|2 and Survey No. 679 admeasuring about 102 square yards or thereabouts.

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For further particulars and conditions of Sale, application should be made at the Office of the said Commissioner or at the office of Messrs. K. J. Kale & Co., Attorneys for the plaintiff abovenamed at No. 39, Medows House, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay.

Dated this 5th day of March, 1945.

(Sd.) ARMAND F. SEQUEIRA,
Commissioner.
(2593)

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Future Of Marathi Stage

Fate Of Stage Rests In Hands Of "Amateurs", Says N. C. Kelkar

The second session of the Marathi Amateur Dramatic Societies Conference was held on Sunday last at the Damodar Thackersey Hall, Parel, under the auspices of the Federation of Marathi Amateur Dramatic Societies formed at the first session of the Conference at the end of 1943. The well-known Marathi author and journalist, Mr. N. C. Kelkar of Poona, presided.

The chairman of the Federation, Mr. M. V. Donde, in his welcome address, explained the objects of the Federation and said that it aimed at bringing about co-operation among amateur dramatic societies for raising the tone of the Marathi stage so that it might be an effective instrument of education of the masses as well as a vehicle to provide entertainment of high artistic value.

COMPETITION OF CINEMA

Mr. Kelkar in his presidential address put in a plea for the improvement of the amateur theatre. He referred to the competition of the cinema and observed that the fate of the stage was in the hands of amateurs, who could do what was not possible for the professionals to do. The former could afford to try new experiments as they did not depend upon the theatre for their livelihood. The theatre always appealed to the masses in Maharashtra. Even in villages dramatic performances were given during festivals and all the people in the village co-operated to make the dramatic performance successful by willingly contributing money, materials and personal labour. The enthusiastic devotees of drama considered no labour below their dignity when they were required to do their bit. Mr. Kelkar advised the amateur dramatic clubs not to be satisfied with mere imitation of well-known professional dramatic companies, but to introduce new modes of acting and music, new techniques, new plays by promising playwrights and encourage originality and free self-expression in art.

A "DEAD ART"

In his concluding remarks Mr. Kelkar compared the cinema with the stage and characterised the former's art as dead, impersonal or mechanical, while the latter's was live, fresh and allow personal contact between the actors and their audiences. When one saw a cinema film one felt that one was being hustled out, while a dramatic performance provided quiet enjoyment. Thus, though the cinema had come to stay, there would always be many people who would feel the need of the stage, at least by way of change.

COMPETITIONS

Competitions in short and long plays were held among amateur dramatic clubs and prizes altogether worth about Rs. 600/- were awarded to the successful clubs, individual actors and actresses and writers of the best new plays. The four-day programme of the Conference consisted of various items of dramatic interest, two of which are especially worth mentioning; one, a joint performance of a popular old drama by professional actors, and the other, a joint performance of a popular comedy by select actors and actresses belonging to different amateur clubs.

Suburban Social Service

Messrs. B. G. Kher and Shewak Bhojraj, Joint Secretaries, Bombay Suburban Social Service League, write: The League proposes to form Local Committees and to affiliate the already existing social service institutions in the various towns of the Bombay Suburban District. These institutions, therefore, are requested to communicate with the League, and the public to bring to its attention any of their grievances as regards sanitation, water-supply, roads, drainage, etc., so that efforts may be made to take such steps as may be possible to redress them. The League has appointed Sub-Committees for sanitation rounds in every Suburban town, and a Sub-Committee consisting of Sir Rustom P. Masani and Messrs. B. G. Kher, Jaswantray G Mehta and Saleem Merchant to look into the Civic complaints, which may kindly be forwarded to the League's Office, K. R. Cama Oriental Institute Building, 136, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay.

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Dr. Amarnath Jha, Vice-Chancellor of Allahabad University, has been invited by the Government of India to proceed to the United States of America on a cultural lecture tour.

VETERAN ACTOR CELEBRATES GOLDEN JUBILEE

Benefit Performance For Mr. P. M. Mistry On Good Friday

The local theatrical fans will be glad to learn that one of their idols is celebrating the golden jubilee of his career on the stage. Mr. Pairozsha Merwanji Mistry, who achieves this distinction this year, took to this profession when he was a lad of 14. He first appeared on the stage in the drama of "Gul-Khooshru" in 1895—the very day when his father died, which sad event did not prevent him from performing his part. Later he took part in the company of late Mr. Jehangirji, in the popular dramas of "Othello", "Joolm-e-Narava" etc. He then distinguished himself as an able actor in the companies of late Mr. Cursetji Balliwala and late Mr. Cowasji Khatau. After serving for about 25 years in these companies he acquitted himself creditably in the staging of dramas of late Mr. P. J. Murzban for several years. In the drama of "Khoshro-Shirin" he won popular applause in the roll of "Shirin", as substitute for Master Nissar. After the advent of the cinema era he joined the Imperial Film Co. of Mr. Ardeshir Irani as music master, and also appeared as a character in three 'talkies'. At present he is working as a collaborator of Munibai, and Darabsha Kharas of Balliwala Dramatics. He is also the first medalist singer and artist of H. M. V., India.

In appreciating his unique service a benefit performance is to be given to him, at the Balliwala Theatre on Good Friday afternoon (March 30), when it is hoped Bombayites will flock to make the function huge success. The play chosen is "Roshan", written by the well-known playwright Dara Kapadia.

SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR MURDER OF BELOVED!

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sen & a Special Jury)
Emperor.
v.
Joseph Abrahm ..... Accused.

The accused, a young Jew, was sentenced to death for having murdered his beloved because she refused to marry him in spite of his earnest entreaties. The deceased was a young widow with two children living with her parents at Victoria Gardens Road. On 16th September last, the accused entered her room and stabbed her repeatedly. She succumbed to her injuries later on.

The accused pleaded that he was not guilty of the offence and was himself shocked to find the deceased murdered when he entered her room on hearing her shrieks.

The Jury having found him guilty of murder, His Lordship sentenced the accused to death.

Mr. P. R. Bharucha and the Advocate-General instructed by the Public Prosecutor appeared for the Crown.

Mr. C. N. Daji defended the accused.

Each Ceremony A Distinct "Function"

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Divatia & Mr. Justice Savdekar)
Imperator ..... Appellant
v.
1. C. P. Wadia, 2. Ardeshir C. P. Wadia ..... Opponents
(Original Accused Nos. 1 & 2)

Both the accused were charged with having contravened Rule 81 (4) of the Defence of India Rules read with the Government Notification of 28th October 1943, in that they called to lunch 50 or more persons without the permission of the Supply Commissioner.

The two accused were father and son, respectively. The Navjote ceremonies of two daughters of the second accused were performed on 20th February 1944 at the bungalow of the first accused at Little Gibbs Road. On that occasion, two groups, each of less than 49 persons separated by a cloth screen, were treated to lunch at the same time and place.

The Trial Magistrate had acquitted both the accused on the ground that the two Navjotes were distinct functions for which separate invitations had been issued by each accused and that the prosecution had not proved that the two accused had acted in concert so as to violate the Government Notification which was ambiguous with regard to more than one ceremony or function. The Government appealed to the High Court.

Their Lordships held that there were two distinct functions, and that being so, the question whether or not they acted in concert did not arise. Their Lordships confirmed the order of the Trial Magistrate and dismissed the Government's appeal.

The Advocate-General Mr. N. P. Engineer, with the Assistant Government Pleader appeared for the Crown. Mr. K. M. Munshi instructed by Messrs. Wadia Ghandy & Co. appeared for both the accused.

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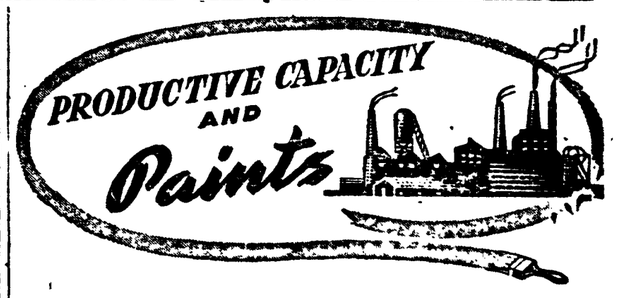

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DILEEP KUMAR, who won stardom overnight with his debut in 'Jwar Bhata' is now playing the lead in Bombay Talkies' 'Pratima', which is nearing completion at Malad Studio with M. I. Dharamsey as Producer and Jairaj as director. Swarnalata, Jyotirn, Shahanawaz and P. F. Pithwalla also appear in the cast.

Selections For Today's War Fund Meeting.

PASSING BELL, BOONIAN, NISHAT AND HOT STUFF POSSESS OUTSTANDING CHANCES

(By Our Racing Correspondent.)

The following are the selections for to-day's war fund meeting:—

1st race: Kutub Minar 1. Noble Duke 2. Hormazdiyar 3.

2nd race: Bharat Jyoti 1 .Pan Patti 2. Kamdhenu 3.

3rd race: Passing Bell 1. Prince Saleem 2. Maharaj 3.

4th race: Moving Picture 1. Passion Flower 2. Gold Dust 3.

5th race: Red Blinkers 1. Queen Hamiyah 2. Mosaki Pasha 3.

6th race: Boonian 1. Flower Of Calcutta 2. Jassir 3.

7th race: Pay Out 1. Chocolate Baby 2. She's Nice 3.

8th race: Nishat 1. Shakuntala 2. Prince Buland 3.

9th race: Hot Stuff 1. Here's How 2. Flower Of Lashkar 3.

10th race: Sapodil 1. A La Grande 2. Brother Scribe 3.

Dark Flukes: Isfoog and So That's That.

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'CARAVAN' CATCHES POPULAR FANCY

'Chandragupta' At West End: 'Hospital' At Kamal

BY T. V. P.

Ranjit's "Caravan" released last week at Royal Opera House is a fine entertainment in that songs and dances in the film around the life of gypsies and that accidents that happen to a few in a gypsy make an enjoyable story between them. Arun, Kamala Chatterji and Rani Premiata have put over fine performances.

"Hospital" At Kamal

Another noteworthy recent release is "Hospital" at Kamal, starring Kanan bala with her sweet, melodious music. One desires that photography was clear to enhance the value of a good story, giving very good scope to Kanan's acting talents also. Those who have seen Deanna Durbin's "It Started With Eve" some months ago will easily see wherefrom the inspiration of "Hospital" came.

Charlie At Capitol

Entertainer of a different variety, but an entertainer all the same, an actor who very positively make you laugh is Charlie, this time featured "Us-Par" at Capitol. With him are Suvarnalata, Ishwarlal and Chandramohan. All of them have worked together a good film that really entertains. Charlie's music, if it can be so called, has also its entertainment value.

"Chandragupta" At West End

"Chandragupta" at West End is a picture full of patriotic fervour and intended to remind every one of the glories of ancient India and its culture. Historical characters like Chanakya, Chandragupta, Selucus are played with understanding. Ishwarlal, Renuka, Nayampalli, Mubarak, Suraiya and Sulochana deserve credit for this.

"Navjavan", The Champion

The film press reports the sale of several important pictures having taken place during the last few days.

Sumanbala as Subhadra in Varerkar's "Samyashacha Sansar".

Some of these are highly publicised costume films, which are generally accepted as basically better money-getters. Through all these deals, however, Flimistan's "Chal Chal re Navjavan" retains its championship—a social film sold for Eighteen Lacs, a price untouched by any other sale.

Fresh Music Of "Chand"

Who is Bhagat Ram? Who is Hufmal? The chances are, you do not know. But the two together are responsible for some truly fine entertainment. They are co-directors of the music of Prabhat's smart musical comedy "Chand." Young and go-ahead men both, they threw all conventions to the winds and produced music that is as charming as it is fresh and mellow. Probably it is charming because of its freshness and its freedom from any of the recognised "schools" of film music. These music makers suited director D. D. Kashyap admirably, for he is himself a go-ahead youth.

"Dassi": 32nd Week

At the Minerva, the Pradhan musical drama "Dassi" is going on, like Wordsworth's brook, "Forever". The story and the music and the personality of the star Ragini alike have caught the popular fancy; so no guess is needed to predict a Golden Jubilee for the film.

"Shakuntala"—81st Week

In its 81st week at Swastik "Shakuntala" continues to be a popular draw with picture-goers flocking in large numbers to witness it again and again. The beauty of the coloured copy, the appeal of the theme and drama, the charm of Jayashree's performance and the grandeur of filmcraft have all contributed to this phenomenal popularity of "Shakuntala."

"Parbat Pe Apna Dera"

With the celebration of its silver jubilee last week "Parbat Pe Apna Dera" has earned for itself the distinction of being one of the most popular social pictures. In its 26th week at Novelty it is drawing crowds which bear testimony to Shantaram's claim of being a producer who can satisfy his artistic craving and at the same succeed at box-office.

CHARLES CHAPLIN TO DISCARD MOUSTACHE

Preparing To Appear In New "Blue Beard" Picture

HOLLYWOOD, March 23 (A P A): Charles Chaplin, inactive in film production since 1940 when he produced and starred in "The Great Dictator," is preparing for his next comedy "Monsieur Bluebeard," which he will produce, direct and write, as well as play the leading role.

The picture will be a satire on the life of Henri Landru, notorious French "Bluebeard" murderer. And for the first time Chaplin will discard his traditional moustache, baggy trousers and wobbly cane.

TATA INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES:—A lecture in Hindustani on "The Present Indian Political Deadlock and its Solution" will be delivered by Mr. M. Y. Noorie, ex-Minister of Bombay at the Nagpada Neighbourhood House (opposite Nagpada Police Station, Byculla) at 6-30 p.m. today. A musical concert at 9-30 p.m.

CITY AND SUBURBS

To-day

Hindu: Chaitra Shud 11, 2001.
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Hightide 10-25, 23-18.
Lowtide 4-51, 16-26.

To-day's Engagements

RAMAKRISHNA MISSION:—Religious discourses by Swami Sambuddhanandaji today at 3-45 p.m. (S.T.) at Batliboi's Accountancy Institute, Prescott Road, Fort. On Vedanta Philosophy (Brahma Sutra).

BOMBAY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION:—Clinical meeting of the Association at 3-30 p.m. (N.S.T.) today (Saturday) at the G. S. Medical College Main Lecture Theatre, Parel. Subject: "Some Observations on Gall-Bladder Disease." The meeting is open to all medical practitioners and medical students.

BHARATIYA VIDYA BHAVAN:—Shri Goswami Ganesh Dattji, President, All-India Hindi Sahitya Sammelan, will deliver a lecture on Bhagavad Gita at Madhav Baug, today (Saturday) at 5 p.m.

BOMBAY PRESIDENCY HUTUTU FEDERATION.—Extraordinary general meeting today at 7 p.m. in the office of the Federation.

BOMBAY SECONDARY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION:—Eighth Teachers Day Celebration today. Cinema show at Empire, sports at 3 p.m. St. Xavier's High School Ground and variety Entertainment at St. Xavier's High School Hall.

YOUTH CULTURE CENTRE:—Meeting today at 7-00 p.m. at Khalsa College, Matunga, when Mr. K. A. Abbas will lecture on 'Progressive Art' followed by a light musical entertainment.

DAVAR'S COLLEGE:—The annual social gathering of Davar's College of Commerce will be held today at 4 p.m. at Cowasji Jehangir Hall, when Mr. K. R. P. Shroff will preside and Mrs. Shroff will distribute prizes.

MARATHI GRANTHA SANGRAHALAYA:—Prof. V. H. Kulkarni will speak on "Criticism in Marathi Literature" at 6 p.m. today in the Hall of the Sangrahalaya (Bhai Jiwanji Lane, Thakurdwar).

D. V. GOKHALE'S ADDRESS:—A 15-minute relay of the presidential address of Mr. D. V. Gokhale, to the 5th session of the Marathi Journalists Conference at Sholapur will be given by the Bombay Station of the A.I.R. today at 5-45 p.m. on 61 and 244 metres.

BHAGINI SAMAJ:—An informal meeting of the representatives of the women organisations will be held today, at 5 p.m. (S.T.) at the office of the Bhagini Samaj, Raval Building, Lamington Road, Bombay 4, to discuss the details of the programme of the visit to Borivali Aboriginal Camp, during the National Week.

CONGRESS WORKERS' STUDY CLASS:—Sjt. S. K. Patil will give a talk on "Different Stages of the Congress" at the Congress Workers' Study Class, organised by the Tardeo and Khetwadi Taluka Congress Samitees today at 7-30 p.m. (N.S.T.).

PUBLIC MEETING

A Public Meeting of the Residents of Colaba Locality will be held today at 6-30 p.m. near Maroti's Temple, to consider over the situation, regarding inadequate accommodation in the Colaba Municipal Marathi School.

Dewan Bahadur Narayan Vithal Sayana will preside.

F.S.U. FILM COMMITTEE:—There will be a private show of the film entitled "Battle for Russia" for invitees only at the Roxy to-morrow (Sunday) at 10 a.m. Members arriving at the theatre without invitation will not be admitted.

BENGALI DRAMA P.W.D.

The Calcutta Amateurs will stage, P.W.D., a Bengali social drama, at the Damodar Thackersey Hall, Parel to-day (Saturday), at 3-30 p.m. under the patronage of Mrs. Sadhona Bose. Tickets can be had at the gate.

BALKAN-JI-BARI:—A meeting of the Executive Committee today at 5-30 p.m. (S.T.) at the Fellowship School, Gowalia Tank.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS:—"Masters and their Message" will be the subject of a free public lecture to be delivered at Jehangir Wadia Building, opp. Flora Fountain, tomorrow (Sunday) evening at 6-15.

RELIGIOUS DISCOURSES.—Swami Sambuddhananda will conduct a class in Vedanta Philosophy at Batlibhoy's Institute, Fort, at 3-30 p.m. today. He will conduct a Geeta Class at the Rama Krishna Ashram Library, Khar, at 10 a.m. and a class on the Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna at 6-30 p.m. tomorrow (Sunday).

RANGOLI ART EXHIBITION:—Mr. and Mrs. Manjrekar, Commercial Artists, are going to arrange some of their best and biggest Rangoli Art exhibitions in the city shortly. About 700 artistic and colourful designs will be shown on cloth, water and on ground, using about 50 different shades and tints of powder colours. The exhibition will be held in aid of Mahila Kala Vidyalaya, Dharwar.

INDIAN FINE ARTS CIRCLE:—There will be a recital of Karnataki music by G. N. Balasubramaniam accompanied by Mysore Chowdiah (Violin) and Palghat Mani Iyer (Mridangam) at Don Bosco School Hall on Sunday at 5-15 p.m.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

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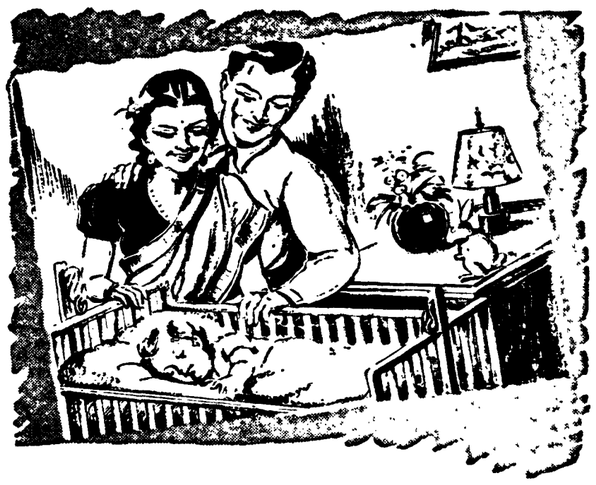

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Anup Singh At San Francisco

Out To Expose Official Delegation And Raise Indian Freedom Issue

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22 (Reuter): Doctor Anup Singh, Secretary of the National Committee for India's Freedom, arrived here admittedly to set the stage "for a discreet and diplomatic fuss" at the United Nations' Conference in April.

He added, "We must raise the issue of India's freedom here because India's patience has been pretty nearly exhausted. We are fed up with promises which are never fulfilled. If nothing is done within a reasonable time, Mahatma Gandhi's policy of non-violence is in danger of being replaced."

Dr. Singh said India would have an official delegation here "but it will speak for Britain, not for the people of India. At the opportune time, we plan to discreetly expose them."

Wanted Real Indian Representation

NEW YORK, March 21 (U. P. A.): The Executive Committee of the India League of America to-day adopted the following statement at a special meeting to-day: "We are deeply concerned for the success of the San Francisco and the realisation of the hopes of all peoples for world security.

"We believe that India, as the largest of nations not yet free, can and should play a thoughtful and constructive role at the Conference.

"Therefore, we share in protests already voiced in India against the choice of the three delegates from India who, in no sense, represent the people of our country but are merely appointed by a foreign power which rules them.

"We urge three sponsoring governments of the United States, the Soviet Union and China to use their good offices with the fourth sponsoring Government of Great Britain to the end that the three delegates chosen shall be replaced by delegates who actually represent the opinions and aspirations of the people of India such as Jawaharlal Nehru, Mohammed Ali Jinnah and Rajagopalachari."

Rehearsal For San Francisco Show?

LONDON, March 22. (Globe): Perhaps the most outstanding point attaching to the Viceroy's visit to the United Kingdom is its perfect sense of timing, writes Globe's Political Correspondent.

The Viceroy's talks with Mr. Amery and other Cabinet Ministers, are likely to last three or four weeks, —thus enabling the British delegation to San Francisco to put their hands on their hearts and declare that everything is being done to galvanise the Indian political scene into some semblance of movement.

"BRITISH GOVT. NOMINEES CAN'T REPRESENT INDIA"

League Leader Urges Need Of Real Leaders Of People At 'Cisco Conference

LAHORE, March 22 (A.P.I.): The plea that India's representatives at the San Francisco Conference should be leaders of the people and not merely nominees of the British Government is made by Malik Barkat Ali, M.L.A., a Muslim League leader and constitutional lawyer commenting on Lord Wavell's visit to England.

"I would welcome the visit of Lord Wavell to England if it helps to usher in a new era on these lines even though the object is to secure an Indian vote at the San Francisco conference. Let this vote be of real India's and not that of British imperialism. If India is to have a vote at this conference then obviously it must be the vote of real leaders of the people and not merely of nominees of the British Government who happen to be in the Viceroy's Executive Council."

"GRATUITOUS INSULT TO INDIA"

WASHINGTON, March 22 (Reuter): Representative Emmanuel Celler, author of the Indian Immigration Bill, which the House Immigration Committee yesterday postponed indefinitely, today told Reuter: "The Committee's decision is a gratuitous insult to the people of India. I will neither halt my efforts nor rest secure until we have achieved what we want on this matter. I have written to President Roosevelt, Secretary of State, Mr. Stettinius, and the Attorney-General, Mr. Francis Biddle, and for the moment there is nothing to do until they reply."

The Agent-General for India, Sir G. S. Bajpai, commented: "The decision is disappointing but difficulties arise only that they may be overcome and the Government of India and I do not intend to relax our efforts until success is achieved."

Sadhana Bose & S. C. Desai Acquitted

2 Others Fined For Breach Of Paper Control Order

BOMBAY, Friday.

Mrs. Sadhana Bose, Film Actress Mr. Surendra Chamanlal Desai, Film Producer, Shankarlal Mawji Pandya, Publicist and Keshavlal Dungarshi Shah, Cine Publicity Agent, were charged under the Paper Control Order, 1942, of the Defence of India Rules for having exhibited during 3rd and 4th weeks of April 1944, more than ten posters, the contents of which related to the programme of Mrs. Sadhana Bose and her ballet at Excelsior Theatre and affixed the above posters within 100 feet of the other identical posters, and aided abetted one another in the commission of the crime.

Sadhana Bose stated that having reasonably and bonafidely done all she could to entrust the posters in the competent hands of accused Nos. 2 and 3 and having done all that was necessary to secure compliance with whatever rules, by-laws or notifications that may have been promulgated for the purpose, under a lawful excuse pleaded innocent and not guilty.

Mr. V. K. Muranjan, Presidency Magistrate, Mazagaon Court, observed that accused 3 and 4 cannot plead "lawful excuse" in view of the Rule 5 of the D.I.R., 1939. It was their duty to comply with or secure compliance with the order in question and if the agents failed to obey the Law and contravens the order, they themselves would be guilty of the contravention.

So far as Nos. 1 and 2 are concerned the case stands on a different footing.

Accused No. 3 is an independent entity. And accused No. 4 is his agent. Accused No. 3 cannot be said to be an agent of either accused No. 1 or accused No. 2, unless there is some evidence in the case to show that there were instructions from accused No. 1 or 2 to paste the posters in the way in which they are pasted, they can be said to have contravened the clause in question. There is no such satisfactory evidence in the case. The fact that accused No. 1 ultimately paid the charges of accused Nos. 3 and 4, cannot be said to be evidence to show that accused No. 1 and 2 were responsible to the posting of the posters in contravention of the law.

Even if accused No. 3 is held to be the agent of accused No. 2, and No. 2 the agent of accused No. 1, both Nos. 1 and 2 can plead successfully the defence of "lawful excuse", they having done all that is reasonably possible to do under the circumstances to see that work was entrusted to proper persons who were expected to act lawfully.

For want of sufficient evidence accused Nos. 1 and 2 were acquitted. Accused Nos. 3 and 4 were found guilty and sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 250 each, or in default to suffer 1 month's simple imprisonment.

Mr. Jahangir Patel appeared for accused No. 4 and Mr. Dalal for accused No. 1, 2 and 3. Mr. S. G. Rana conducted the prosecution.

MATRIC EXAM. ANSWER PAPERS DAMAGED IN TRAIN COLLISION

KARACHI, March 23 (A.P.I.): Matriculation examination answer papers despatched from Karachi were involved in yesterday's train collision at Jungshai, it is learned from the railway circles here.

It happens that the packages containing the answer papers were damaged and Prof. Lakhmani is at present engaged in sorting out the papers from the salvaged goods that has reached Karachi.

14 Acquitted In Bank Looting Case

HUBLI, March 21 (A.P.I.)—Fourteen out of 20 persons accused in the Alnavar Bank Looting Case were acquitted by the Additional Session Judge, Dharwar, on Monday.

The remaining six were sentenced to two years' R.I. and a fine of Rs. 100 each in default further six months' R.I.

"AMERICANS MUST GRANT RIGHTS OF INDIANS"

Denial Will Mean Betrayal, Says Sir C. B. Mehta

Sir Chunilal B. Mehta, in a statement on the postponement of the Indian Immigration Bill by U.S.A. says:

I have read, with the deepest sorrow and regret, about the indefinite postponement of consideration of the Indian Immigration Bill by the House of Representatives Committee of Immigration.

Looking to the talks I had with a large number of businessmen and others in the U.S.A., when I was there recently in connection with the International Business Conference at Rye and the latest pronouncements of leading people there, I had great hopes that the United States Legislature would pass the Bill with regard to the removal of restrictions on immigration of Indians into U.S.A.

Unfortunately, this has not been done; and the Committee of the House of Representatives has postponed indefinitely consideration of this important piece of legislation.

India has proved a useful and important partner of the United Nations in the war that is being carried on. Specially, India has been made a centre of operations which are being carried on against Japan and it is likely, from the statements being made by different Government authorities here and elsewhere, that when the war in the West finishes and the war in the East begins to be carried on in right and real earnest. India will be made even a greater centre of operations.

"BETRAYAL OF INDIA?"

I need not recapitulate here what are the sacrifices made by India in the cause of the United Nations, as that has been sufficiently made clear by now. It will be a betrayal of the sacred cause of justice to India, if this indefinite postponement means shelving the Indian issue altogether.

I hope and trust that even now the United States Legislature will think otherwise and decide to deal justly with India and also that the British Government will exercise all the pressure it can for getting justice for this country.

Leaders of the different Indian political parties, I must frankly state, had no confidence that the Immigration Bill would be passed by the American Legislature, as they felt that, despite the sacrifices India had made for the Allied cause and despite the so-called Atlantic Charter and slogans like the war being fought in the cause of liberty and freedom, the American people still looked askance at the rights of Indian people.

The shelving of this very necessary piece of legislation will mean no small disappointment and resentment in this country, which should be avoided in the interests of mutual goodwill.

Pandemonium At Ulema Conference

Chairs And Soda Water Bottles Freely Used: Some Injured: No Arrest Made So Far

CALCUTTA, March 23 (U. P.): The University Institute Hall was the scene of a free fight between the supporters of the Jamaiti Ulema and a crowd of oppositionists that gathered inside and outside the Hall before the Bengal Ulema Conference which was to be held yesterday commenced its sitting.

From slogans "League Zindabad", "Jamaiti Ulema Zindabad" the rival groups fell to fighting during which the chairs inside and soda water bottles outside were freely used, some persons received injuries.

The police dispersed the crowd in front of the building and the Ulema Conference proceeded under strong police guard. No arrests were made so far.

Prince Of Berar Starts For Amraoti

HYDERABAD, (Dn.) March 23, (A P): H H the Prince of Berar accompanied by Nawab Samad Yar Jung Bahadur, Controller, Nawab Moin Nawaz Jung Bahadur, Political Secretary and Mr. Najafali Khan, Chief Information Officer, left this evening for Wardha on route to Amraoti and Khamgaon in Berar in response to a long-standing invitation of the Shivaji Educational Society to perform the opening ceremony of the Prince of Berar Hostel at Amraoti and another invitation from the authorities of Anjuman High School at Khamgaon to visit their institution.

"QUESTIONNAIRE NOT RECEIVED"

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, March 23

In an exclusive interview to "Chronicle", the President of Ahmedabad Share and Stock Brokers' Association, Mr. Nanduram Manchharam said to me: "I have not yet received questionnaire of Government regarding share markets. I enquire why I have not got it. Another share bazar known as Revdi Bazar has got it, and it is learnt that Bombay solicitors are being consulted to send the final reply."

MADRAS, March 23 (A.P.I.): Mr. R. B. Nimbalkar Wicket-keeper in the Indian Cricket at present touring Ceylon, having badly hurt a finger. Mr. K. S. Rangarao, Hon. Secretary to the Cricket Control Board has requisitioned the services of Mr. M. O. Srinivasan as deputies for Mr. Nimbalkar. Mr. Srinivasan left by plane this morning for Colombo.

HARIJAN CONFERENCE POSTPONED

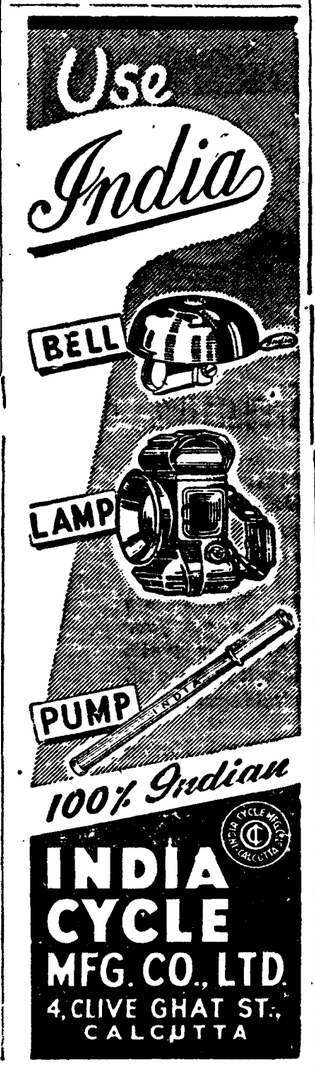
The Conference of the W. I. Harijan League and the Bombay Sweepers' Union scheduled to be held on 1st April, due to unavoidable circumstances, has been postponed to 8th April, 1945, Sunday, 3-30 p.m. (S.T.).

PATHANS JAILED

SURAT, March 22 (A.P.I.)—Four Pathans were sentenced to three years' R.I. each, when judgment was delivered yesterday in the Tonapur murder case. The judge agreed with the verdict of the jury that 16 of the accused were not guilty of the murder, but found four of them guilty, under section 148 Cr.P.C. The accused were arrested in March, 1944, on a charge of murdering three Bhils in Tonapur of Mandvi taluka.

HINDI DICTIONARY

ALLAHABAD, March 21 (A.P.I.)—A Hindi dictionary of technical words for use in higher studies of scientific subjects, which is being compiled in seven volumes by the Bhartiya Parishad will be ready by the middle of July. This was announced by the Secretary of the Parishad at the Annual Conference held here.



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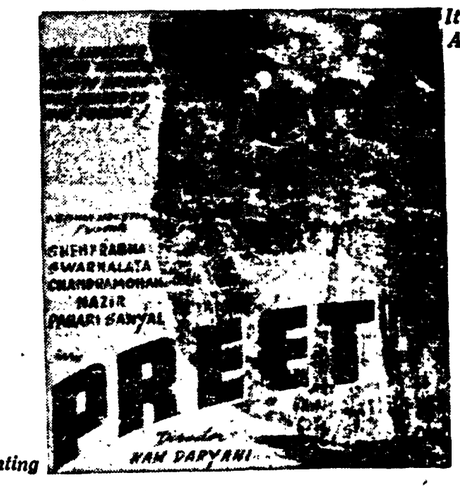

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VINCENT OCONNOR PASSES AWAY

Was Accountant General To Govt. Of India

LONDON, March 23 (Reuter): Former Accountant General to the Government of India, Mr. Vincent Clarence Scott Oconnor, died on March 21.

He had also been Financial Adviser to the Railways, and books written by him included "The Silken East" and "Mandalay and other old cities of Burma."

FRANCE'S MAIN AMENDMENT TO WORLD SECURITY PLAN

PARIS, March 21: France's main amendment to the World Security Plan to be discussed at San Francisco is that in cases of urgent danger of aggression regional security pacts concluded by members of the international organization should be allowed to function independently of a prior agreement by the World Security Council, says Reuter's special correspondent.

This is made known in a 2,000 word memorandum detailing the French proposals, published today. The memorandum was handed to all Allied Ambassadors and Ministers in Paris yesterday.

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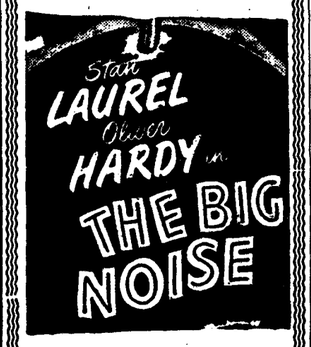

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TERMS OF PAN-ARABIC UNION CONSTITUTION

Britain's Position Remains Intact: Model Of League Of Nations Followed!: Will It Fit In With Great Powers' Scrambling For Position?

By FRANK O'BRIEN

CAIRO, March 23 (A.P.I.): The constitution of the Pan Arabic Union which was signed yesterday leaves Britain's special position in the Arab world apparently intact, but recognises both Syria and the Lebanon as independent states, ignoring the French assertion that their mandate over them has never been revoked.

The pact was signed with colourful ceremony at Zaafaran palace outside Cairo by 22 representatives of Egypt, Syria, Transjordan, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, the Lebanon and Yemen. Abdul Rahman Azam Bey, of the Egyptian foreign office, was appointed as the first secretary-general.

The Constitution, which now goes to the parliaments of the signatory States for ratification forbids war between the Union members, provides for common action in case of aggression against any member and declares that "treaties and accords already concluded, or which will be concluded in the future between a member state and another state do not bind the other members."

It is provided that member states who are engaged in any differences between themselves cannot participate in deliberations and decisions of the Union's executive council.

WORKING THROUGH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The Union will work through an executive council composed of representatives of member states, with each state having one vote regardless of the number of its representatives. The council will meet twice each year, in March and October, and can be called into session by request of a member state in difficulties.

The constitution brings together the independent Arab states, plus Palestine with the special privilege of taking part in the council's workings, in the long-sought Arab union. The pact apparently was framed to carefully sidestep any suggestion of interference in present relations with the outside world.

JUST LIKE LEAGUE OF NATIONS!

It can best be compared with 'the League of Nations pact in principle, particularly since it outlaws war but makes no provision for the use of force to guarantee the executive council's decisions. How that will work out in relation to the great Powers' scrambling for position in the Middle East will provide one of the severest tests of the Union.

As the Arab dignitaries bent to place their signatures on the ceremonial copy of the constitution, an Allied aircraft roared low over the palace, making the great glass chandeliers jingle. As the signatures were affixed, cannon outside fired salutes.

Arab Party Calls Upon Arab Population To Strike

JERUSALEM, March 22 (Reuter): The Palestine Arab Party issued a manifesto today calling upon the Arab population to strike on Saturday as a protest against Government's decision on the future election of the Mayor of Jerusalem Municipality.

The High Commissioner of Palestine Lord Gort yesterday issued a statement decreeing that henceforth the Mayoralty would be exercised by a Moslem, a Jew and a Christian in triple rotation.

ROTATION OF MAYORALTY

JERUSALEM, March 22. (U.P.A.):—Palestine High Commissioner Lord Gort has decided to rotate the Jerusalem Mayoralty between Arabs and Jews in alternate years, it was announced to-day. The first Mayor will be Muslim, the announcement revealed and the plan will continue "until a stage of local self-government is reached."

POLISH WOMEN TAKE UP CUDGELS

For Emigre Govt. And Place At San Francisco

NEW YORK, March 21 (U.P.I.): The non-invitation of Poland to the World Security Conference at San Francisco was discussed at a special meeting of the Polonia Congress at Chicago in the Polish Women's Alliance Club House when a resolution urging the Allied Nations to invite Poland to the Conference was adopted.

The meeting adopted another resolution on the Yalta decisions and urged the U. S. Congress to "deny confirmation of these decisions as being the surrender of right to might and denial of principles and democracy and equality in international relations and generally acknowledgment of Soviet hegemony in the world."

The Chicago meeting further declared that only the constitutional Polish Government in London represents the Polish Nation and the Polish State and only this Government could take part in San Francisco.

The Committee of Polonia Congress decided to send this resolution to President Roosevelt, Members of the U.S. Government and all members of the U. S. Congress, all State Governors and State Legislatures. A memorandum was also prepared and passed at the meeting which will be forwarded to the U. S. Vice-President for the consideration of the U. S. Senate.

Drastic Revision Of Soviet Treaties

LONDON, March 22 (Reuter): The Soviet Government is believed to have decided on a drastic revision of all treaties and other diplomatic commitments of the Soviet Union which conflict with the international policy agreed at Dumbarton Oaks and Yalta, according to well-informed diplomatic circles here, says Reuter's Military commentator.

The decision of the Soviet Government to denounce the treaty of friendship and neutrality with Turkey is understood to be the first step towards streamlining Soviet foreign policy to meet the problems of the post-war period.

JAPAN FORESEES DOOM

LONDON, March 22 (Reuter): The Japanese News Agency today reports that anti-invasion preparations were discussed in the Japanese House of Representatives.

General Kabihiro Shivayama, the War Minister, announced the formation of a National Defence Corps ("Home Guard" for Japan) throughout the country.

"The production of special arms "easy for civilians to handle" has been ordered, and police forces, civilian air defence units and those over military age would be incorporated in the Corps."

Shigeo Odachi, the Japanese Home Minister, said that following the heavy evacuation of victims of the recent air raids, the population of Tokyo was now probably less than four million.

NO FIRE WATCHING IN BRITAIN

LONDON, March 22 (Reuter): Firewatching in Britain is to stop on Saturday March 24 in all areas where it is still being performed.

Announcing this in the Commons today, Mr. Herbert Morrison, the Home Secretary said that if German attacks against Britain made it necessary he was sure fireguards would resume duty promptly if called upon.

Kesselring Takes Over Command Of West

LONDON, March 22: The new German Commander-in-Chief in the west, Field Marshal Kesselring whose appointment is announced, is one of the Wehrmacht commanders who ostentatiously did not answer the request for a message of loyalty to Hitler after the July plot last year. That this tough Bavarian who got the better of Field Marshal Rommel in a struggle for the command in Italy should have been chosen to take over the west is a significant pointer to a possible development of Nazi politics in the west. Marshal Kesselring in the Nazi eyes is not compromised in the Russian war and has made his name by the prolonged defence of Italy, writes Reuter's military correspondent.

He takes over now the new command instead of sound party Generals such as Field Marshal Model.

Is Field Marshal Kesselring therefore to be the medium for what German generals may consider honourable capitulation? Marshal Rundstedt who was ruled out by his action as head of the court of honour that sentenced the rebel Generals last July. Marshal Model is known as a party man. The question asked now is whether Marshal Kesselring may offer to capitulate with less important section of the Wehrmacht in the west to gain time for preparations of inner resistance in the heart of Bavaria. It is certain that such a move will not affect impending Allied operations.

HEARST PRESS BECOMES PRO-BRITISH

Feels Churchill Fighting Cunning Conspiracy To Bolshevise Europe

NEW YORK:—The Hearst newspapers which were previously violently anti-British have suddenly become pro-British. They are approving of Prime Minister Churchill describing that the British Premier is fighting a cunning and ruthless conspiracy to Bolshevise Europe.

This change of policy on the part of the Hearst chain of newspapers is evidenced by the disappearance of the most popular column by the famous columnist, Walter Winchell. Winchell was a critic of Churchill's policy and anti-British like Drew Pearson. Winchell has recently gone on the air with an open letter to the British people where in he accused their Government pursuing a reactionary policy.

He said: "Rightly or wrongly, the American people believe this is the policy of your Government and they are against it. They are determined to fight Hitler to the finish but they will not see an English reactionary programme substituted".—India Press Service.

YUGOSLAV TROOPS CAPTURE 8 TOWNS

LONDON, March 22 (Reuter).—Yugoslav Radio tonight broadcast a Yugoslav General Staff communique stating that in successful operations for the elimination of the German bridgehead on the left bank of Drava, north of Valpovo, Yugoslav troops with the support of aircraft and units of the Red Army, captured eight towns.

OTTAWA March 21 (Reuter): The Prime Minister, Mr. Mackenzie King, declared in the House of Commons here that Canada fully supports the general plan for a World Security Organisation to be placed before the San Francisco Conference, but with some reservations on details. Clarification was needed on the appropriate status within the World Security Organisation of secondary states such as Canada, at distinguished from the big five and the smaller powers.

LONDON, March 21 (GLOBE): One of the most faithful and powerful of Hitler's "Old Guard" Erio Koch, gauleiter of East Prussia, has been killed by the order of Himmler. According to latest reports, he was executed for cowardice.

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA March 23, (A P I): The following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded on 20/3/45:—

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Life is a comedy for those who think; it is a tragedy for those who feel.

—Horace Walpole.

The Bombay Chronicle

A FRESH APPROACH

The simple fact that Rao Bahadur V. P. Menon, Reforms Commissioner, has accompanied Lord Wavell to England makes it clear that the question of India's constitution will figure prominently enough in the latter's discussions with the British Government, whichever other questions may be added to it. Prominent British papers including the "Times" have suggested not only that the constitutional question will be discussed but also that it ought to be. The "Times", for instance, insists that the time has come when "the creative energies of the Indian peoples and their leaders must be liberated from the sterilities of the present political deadlock, which nourishes a distrust of Britain, and threatens to impede the good understanding essential to the best interests of both the countries now and in future." The "Mancester Guardian" goes further and declares that as a matter of fact "unofficial British opinion is most anxious to find a solution"; and as regards India, the paper significantly observes that "the latest news seems to imply a cautious change of emphasis on the part of the Congress and a rather bigger change of policy on the part of the Government."

In so far as it is true that there is a bigger change on the part of the Government one may not be quite sure why precisely Government has now taken the initiative in this matter against its familiar plea that the Cripps offer having been revived in its essentials, the next step must be taken by principal parties in India. But it does seem probable that the universal clamour for a settlement with India has made Government realise that a fresh attempt for one can no longer be put off and that Government cannot shirk its responsibility in furthering it. In any case Lord Wavell's visit to London warrants the hope as observed by Sir Chimanlal Setalvad, that a settlement of the Indian question is at least receiving some earnest attention in Whitehall. It will augur no good to Britain if the hope is found to be a mirage.

Far more important than the question why Government is now taking the initiative is the one how Government should proceed having made a beginning. The difficulties of the Indian problem are not belittled by any party in India. The complexities of the question of minorities as also that of the States are well-known. But surely it does not help a solution of these questions if almost every one of the larger minorities or States is encouraged to demand and is conceded a veto on the decisions of the country as a whole. On the other hand an agreement is immensely facilitated if, as Sir Muhammad Zafrulla Khan has suggested, Government declares that, in the absence of a settlement among the Indian parties within a year or so after the war, it will declare India a Dominion with a democratic constitution to be replaced by an agreed one, when that comes. In any case, the first essential is a fresh definite and clear declaration of policy with regard to constitutional reform both during and after the war. Even the "Times of India" has come to realise that "a mere reiteration of the Cripps offer is not now adequate to meet the situation and that something more positive from Whitehall is indicated." Next should come a small Round Table Conference of the leaders of the principal parties and interests" This, of course, presupposes that the Congress leaders still in jail will be released without any further delay. The political correspondent of the "Daily Herald" states the plain truth when he says that their release and goodwill are "essential to any effective settlement." If a just offer is made by Britain and if the Government of India sincerely attempts to help an agreement between various interests of at least refrains from exploiting differences, there is ground for hoping that a workable agreement will emerge from the R. T. Conference.

While a welcome initiative is being taken by Government Indian leaders should at the same time strive to expedite an agreement. It is particularly desirable to resume early the talks between Gandhiji and Mr. Jinnah. Even apart from that, every attempt must be made to ensure a cordial understanding between the Congress and the League Parties in all the legislatures that are functioning. It is a move in the right direction that a Coalition Cabinet is being formed in Assam, the Congress Party giving it indirect support without accepting office. The possibilities of a Coalition Ministry in the Frontier Province should be fully explored, though Mr. Jinnah's latest statement is not very helpful in this direction. The main point is that after a painfully long time a fresh approach is being made to the Indian problem and it behoves all responsible parties to spare no efforts to arrive at a workable settlement, if only of a tentative character.

Frankly Speaking

Caroe Let Down

Reducing himself to a gramophone voice, Sir Olaf Caroe again repeated the other day that the Delegation to the San Francisco Conference had to be on a Ministerial level. He had, however, realised since his first statement that his generalisation about all the United Nations was a blunder and that the United States, had contradicted the principle he had so authoritatively propounded on behalf of all the participating nations. Sir Olaf, therefore, sought refuge behind the Commonwealth. According to him the Commonwealth delegations were to be on a Ministerial level and, of course, India had to follow that practice. Now, comes the definite news that the Canadian delegation will comprise both Ministers and Opposition members. It is now clear that the principles enunciated by Sir Olaf Caroe were extemporised excuses to keep the Indian delegation on an official, unrepresentative level. For, there was the certain danger of representative Indians raising awkward questions about India from a world platform. As a Muslim League leader, Malik Barkat Ali, so correctly suggests, the Indian "vote" at San Francisco will be the vote not of real India but of that of British Imperialism.

What India Demands

The Government of India have taken cognisance of public opinion to the extent that they did not oppose a resolution in the Council of State recommending economic sanctions against South Africa and the recall of the High Commissioner, Mr. Deshmukh. It is not surprising that even an extremely moderate body composed principally of Knights of different Orders should have passed the resolution without a division. But Government's neutrality is the measure not so much of responsiveness, as of indifference, to public opinion. As Sir Cowasji Jehangir said at Lahore, there is complete unanimity among all sections and opinions in India about the action that Government should take in regard to the injustice that has been done to Indians in South Africa. Demands have been made from practically every platform. The Government's response was to despatch Mr. Deshmukh to South Africa in direct defiance of those demands. Even now all that they do is to decide not to oppose a resolution in the Council of State.

Significant Publicity

Don Juan, the pretender to the Spanish throne, too, has decided to lend a helping hand in beating General Franco. The royalists and their leaders were among the prominent supporters and propagandists abroad of General Franco and the Falange throughout the Civil War and after it. They knew what the Caudillo was fighting to destroy and to establish. It is, therefore, amusing to find Don Juan demanding that Franco should resign and "end Spain's totalitarian regime." This is of course another indication that the end of Franco's dictatorship is near. But even more amusing than Don Juan's desertion of Franco is the demand for restoration of "constitutional monarchy" and the promptness with which he offers himself as the saviour of Spain. It is, however, not really so amusing. There is a sinister possibility in it too. The reason is this: that Don Juan's call to Franco to yield his dictatorship to a Monarchy has been given full publicity by the B.B.C. A few months ago a broadcast that was to be given to America by Dr. Negrin, the Prime Minister of Republican Spain, was actually banned by the B.B.C. In view of that fact, the important question arises: is Mr. Churchill, so partial to Monarchies, supporting the restoration in Spain too of an institution which the people condemned long ago and which they definitely do not want?

Clumsy Defence

Defending in the House of Commons the nomination of Mr. Anthony Eden instead of Mr. Attlee to lead the British Delegation, Mr. Winston Churchill resorted to arguments that were too palpably unreal even to be specious. If the criterion was the constitutional identity of a Minister, the Prime Minister too is really non-existent as such. He might as well during his visits to International Conferences and Talks along with Mr. Eden have placed the Foreign Secretary at the head of the British delegation. But a more effective exposure of the ridiculousness of his logic is provided by the fact that during his absence abroad and even with all other Ministers present in London, Mr. Attlee acts as Premier. Mr. Attlee is constitutionally and in actual practice Deputy Prime Minister at home but ceases to be one abroad. This paradox does not conceal but illuminates the real, straightforward reason for demoting Mr. Attlee. He belongs to the Labour Party and the British Delegation must be led by a Conservative. Sir Olaf Caroe, if disturbed by any still small voice, can find consolation in the fact that his supreme leader too resorts to open speciousness.

BIG POWERS AND SMALL POWERS AT SAN FRANCISCO

WASHINGTON, March 23 (A. P. A): World security conference delegates will have to assure the small nations that they won't be at the mercy of the big powers, and at the same time leave the big powers free enough to take swift action if war threatens.

That is a principal problem facing the United Nations conferees who will gather at San Francisco April 25.

The crux of the matter lies in the fact that more nations are permitted to debate, the longer the debate takes, and the longer it will be before the world organisation can take action.

The debates will take place (according to the Dumbarton Oaks agreement) in the eleven-man council which will be the inner sanctum of the world organisation, as against the big assembly to which every nation can belong, but which doesn't have much actual power.

The council will decide when a nation is threatening the peace, and what action should be taken to quell the trouble-maker.

At this writing, eleven nations can sit on the council. The big four get permanent seats—the United States, the United Kingdom, the U. S. S. R., and China. "In due course" France will get a permanent place. That leaves six seats for the rest of the 39 nations.

Forty-four nations are being invited to San Francisco.

Those six rotating seats on the council (they're handed out for two-year terms) will go to the small nations, but there's already a widespread move to get more power for the small nations.

The Netherlands has circulated a pamphlet of suggestions in which she points out "the smaller nations of Europe comprise together about 150 millions, and those of Latin-America another 100 million—no inconsiderable numbers of human beings with a right to the pursuit of freedom from fear equal to that of great powers."

She points out that in hard reality all the big five would need to put over big power politics would be the vote of one small nation—on that council of eleven nations. She wants the charter to be written at San Francisco to include this proviso: that the council can only take action when at least three small nations have voted "Yes."

Brazil has other suggestions to increase the small powers' voice in world affairs. First, she thinks there should be one more permanent seat on the council, which would always be allotted to some South American nation.

She also thinks that any nation, not a member of the council, should be called in when the council is debating some issue which especially affects the nation, and that it should have a vote.

On the other hand, the big powers genuinely want to assure the small powers that the Atlantic Charter's promise of "freedom from fear" will be carried into the world of tomorrow. Both Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt made the point in their first post-Yalta speeches.

There's a fear among the big powers themselves; if they arrogate too much power to themselves it will probably mean that the small powers will align themselves in "dangerous blocs."

The Problem, internationalists here think, will probably be the thorniest one at San Francisco. They say it's the old one we've always struggled over in the United States; how to get efficient action in a democracy where everyone has a right to his say.

Cause Of Cloth Famine In Bengal

CALCUTTA, March 23. (A.P.I.): Fifteen leading citizens of Calcutta in a joint statement attribute the acute shortage of cloth in Bengal to the extremely inadequate quota allotted to the Province. The signatories to the statement include Sir Badridas Goenka, Messrs. B. M. Birla, A. L. Poddar, Mayor of Calcutta, N. R. Sarker, Sir A. H. Ghuznavi, Messrs. Kaitan and G. L. Mehta and Khan Bahadur G. A. Dossani.

Attitudes And Latitudes

By "Birbal"

(The views expressed in this column are not always necessarily those of the Editor—Editor "B. C.")

The 1937 Imperialist-Congress compromise on Office Acceptance had a semblance of "peace with honour" respectability about it, in that it was alleged to be based on a Gentleman's Understanding between Principals. The people who suffer from Movement to movement to make the Congress great, had occasion to discuss it. There was no political Pearl Harbouring about it. But collaboration *a la* Petain needs no Instrument of Instructions from the cheated masses and he who can bend the knee more humbly than all others gets the honour of office without power. Dr. Khan Saheb, accepting office, asked those who were stunned to "wait and see". From Wardha comes the news that one very close to Gandhiji has advised us to "wait and watch". For what shall we watch? And what shall we see? The hauling down of a brave flag once nailed to the mast in a desperate surge of the passion for liberty by men who got frightened at the very first glimpse of freedom, is not a pretty sight. To do it in a series of hypocritical posturings of sanctimonious statesmanship helps only to make the nation incurably addicted to the philosophy of defeat. Are we to wait and watch and see and applaud a "back to 1935" Rajaji leading a liberally mild but correctly Gandhi capped Congress ministry into Robert Clive's Fort St. George?

The "realist" who approves of Dr. Khan Saheb's action may hold that a defeat is defeat and there is no point in making heavy weather of sentiment when there is no prospect of achievement. But such superior logic invariably assumes that collaboration has in it seeds of patriotic planning and action. This was never wholly true and to-day it is a lie. The British authority is not what it was in 1939. The back of the militarily self-confident liberal democratic tradition of Britain which could permit simple adventures in civil liberty to an economically and politically conquered Empire was irrevocably broken at Dunkirk and Singapore. The Marlborough ideology of all-round suspicion that has replaced it demands feudal loyalties and can permit the functioning of Indian parliamentary gadgets only within the limits of over-all Imperial regimentation. Dr. Khan Saheb individually, or Mr. C. Rajagopalachari in an excess of Chanakya like optimism, may be able to stomach such regimentation for the sake of ministerial dignity. But they cannot commit the Congress to that policy, for they have no right to do it.

The Congress has never accepted the interpretation that Provincial Autonomy means varying degrees of anti-imperialism in the different provinces. If Dr. Khan Saheb can bring himself to feel like a responsible Prime Minister at a cabinet meeting presided over by a British Governor, while the Working Committee is in prison, and while deliberate plans are being elaborated for the permanent economic emasculation of the country, he is welcome to do so. But he should have the decency to explain before doing so, that it is no part of the Congress programme. Even Gandhiji has not the power to give him the right to call his Ministry a Congress Ministry. It is as great an impertinence as the present Indian manned Central Government.

MAZDUR SEVAK SANGH.

After the students, the peasants; and after the peasants, the workers. The realignment that has been proceeding between Nationalists and Communists is now spreading to the Trade Union Movement. Reports are current of the broadening of the basis of the Hindustan Mazdur Sevak Sangh. BIRBAL is in a position to state that these reports are by no means unfounded.

The history of our Trade Union Movement is a chequered one since its birth after World War I. The T. U. C. has in two decades undergone several changes in colour. A short phase of joint working was followed in the late twenties by a split between Communists and others. This breach was healed in 1935 owing to the persistent efforts of Jayaprakash Narayan and the emergence of the Congress Socialist Party as the majority group in the T. U. C. acting as a link between Nationalists and Communists. There followed a succession of Congress Socialist Presidents—Sibnath Bannerjee, Hariharnath Sastri and Sureshchandra Bannerjee. Came repression and the detention of Nationalist leaders and, as elsewhere, the newly-legalised C. P. ran away with the show. By affiliating new Unions with dubious membership, it has now entrenched itself in a majority in the T. U. C. As a result, the stand of the T. U. C. towards the war has been one which hardly does credit to the revolutionary claims of the working-class. Marxism has been forgotten in the pursuit of Dearness Allowances! By contrast, it was Gulzarilal Nanda's Textile Labour Association at Ahmedabad and the steel workers at Jamshedpur who played a notable part in the struggle for freedom.

It is time that the bandying of idle slogans like "class struggle" and "class collaboration" stops and Trade Unions with mass membership are built up to serve the workers' interest and needs. The fact that the names of militants like Yusuf Meherally and Sane Guruji are mentioned in connection with the new development shows that the Hindustan Mazdur Seva Sangh may be expected to have teeth in it.

Will the consolidation of the nationalist elements mean that they will walk out of the T. U. C. and leave the Communists alone to stew in their own juice? Or will it be possible for nationalists to re-establish control in the T. U. C? This much is clear—that the T. U. C. an only survive as the Central Organisation of the Indian workers if it puts its house in order and remove anti-national elements from within its councils. This would take a lot of doing—since totalitarian parties cannot be made to yield control by constitutional methods. Already, the *Peoples' War* in its current issue has threatened to fight "ruthlessly" the Congress move "as they fought earlier the agents of the capitalists and the imperialists."

"AHEM—AHEM."

When the Punjab Premier insinuated that Indian Communists derived comradely cash from Russia, Com. Josh, M.L.A. said it was a "damnable lie". Nawab Muhammad Ismail has announced that he has resigned from the League as the result of "a relentless campaign of lies". Mr. Aneurin Bevan described Sir James Grigg's allegation that he had not helped Britain when she stood alone as "a lie". Mr. Stokes M.P. estimated certain Churchillian pronouncements in Parliament as lies and compromised on the term "terminological inexactitude" only under pressure from the Speaker.

BIRBAL is reminded in all this muddle of "lies" of a story he once told the Emperor. There was a little boy addicted to lying. His father appointed an invigilator to correct him. This gentleman came to an understanding with the little boy to the effect that whenever he embarked on a lie, the former would say "Ahem—Ahem" and the little boy would stop. One day while out on a stroll the boy told one of his companions that he had seen a squirrel with a ten foot tail. "Ahem—Ahem" said the invigilator. The boy took the hint and said that the squirrel's tail was only seven feet long. Again "Ahem—Ahem". The little boy responded by telling his friend that the tail was only six feet long; and then turning to his preceptor he said: "You can go on clearing your throat till it is raw but I will not make the tail less than five feet long".

BIRBAL is "Ahem—Ahem" ing for all he is worth. But there is little likelihood of Democracy being able to do without lies. After all, the sucker who votes must imagine that he is running the show.

THIS INDIA:

According to Dr. Ambedkar, "The Government of India had taken steps from 1929 to close the employment of women underground and had prescribed how each year the number of women employed should be reduced. According to that programme, no women would work underground after 1977."

Madras paper, March 13, 1945.

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COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE BACK IN CHITTAGONG

Japs Claim Sinking Of Br. Destroyer In Bay Of Bengal

CHITTAGONG, March 23, (A. P. I.): The office and headquarters of the Commissioner of Chittagong Division, which had been removed to Comilla in 1942 as an emergency measure, have now been shifted back to Chittagong.

"Shelling Duel" In S. Andamans

NEW YORK, March 23 (A. P. A.): A "shelling duel" between three British destroyers and Japanese shore batteries in the Southern Andaman Islands was reported yesterday in an unconfirmed Japanese broadcast recorded here.

The radio 'communique' issued from Tokyo claims one destroyer was sunk and another damaged in the Bay of Bengal.

Indian Division Captures Pindale

ADV. HQ. AFLSEA, March 23 (A. P. I.): To-day's SEAC communique says: FOURTEENTH ARMY FRONT: Twentieth Indian Division troops thrusting southwards of Mandalay have captured Pindale, a village at a road junction 19 miles north of Meiktila.

Wundwin on the main north to south trunk road, 18 miles north-east of Meiktila, was captured after stiff opposition.

Sweeps by our troops operating from Meiktila bases continue.

After overrunning Japanese positions in the northern sector of the town, our troops have captured Myingyan on the Irrawaddy and its airfield.

FIFTEENTH INDIAN CORPS: West African troops, south-east of Letmauk (66 miles south-east of Akyab) are encountering stiff opposition from Japanese Rearguards.

RAIDS ON SIAM

Heavy bombers caused great damage to railway communications throughout Siam yesterday; on the Burma-Siam line they wrecked a bridge near Thanbyuzayat and hit locomotives and rolling stocks upto 60 miles from Bangkok. On a 250-mile stretch of the Bangkok-Chiengmai railway they destroyed locomotives and goods wagons and wrecked two bridges, on the Bangkok-Singapore railway they attacked a supply train.

Other Allied heavy bombers attacked wireless installations at Great Coco Island, 50 miles N.E. of the Andaman islands, and long-range fighters destroyed similar targets and hit many aircraft in the Bassein and Bedmoon areas.

On the Rangoon-Mandalay railway, between Pyinmana and Toungoo bridges at Swa, Ela and Thawati were damaged and a by-pass road bridge at Swa was wrecked.

RAID ON SHIPPING OFF SUMATRA

R. A. F., CEYLON: Heavy bombers attacked shipping off the north-west coast of Sumatra, damaging three vessels.

One Allied aircraft is missing.

The road between Mandalay City and the Ava bridge to south-west is now open, says a Press Note.

In an action north of Thazi, a Japanese railway train was derailed by our troops and the Japanese crew were killed.

The total casualties inflicted on the Japanese in the Meiktila area since February 20 by Indian and British troops are 4,000 killed and 700 wounded.

LESS SICK RATE IN ALLIED FORCES.

Figures released to-day of the sick rates of S.E.A.C. troops, show that the principal diseases which caused such havoc in the 1942 campaign, are being brought steadily under control. The sickness incidence is now about 1.3 per thousand per day or just one-third of the 1943 figures, and probably 1/12 of the 1942 rate. Dysenteries and Allied intestinal disorders have been reduced to less than a third of the incidence for corresponding periods of previous years.

NEW JAP DRIVE IN CHINA

CHUNGKING, March 23. (A.P.A.): The Japanese have started a new drive in China from positions northwest of the great Central China city of Hankow, an army spokesman announced to-day. He said the enemy was using 60,000 troops supported by mechanised units which began rolling out of bases near Hankow on Wednesday. The spokesmen said the Japanese objectives were to seize the wheat crops in southern Honan and northern Hupeh provinces, destroy airfields and remove a Chinese threat to the Peiping-Hankow railway carrying Manchuria war production southward to the fighting fronts.

BIG JAP CLAIM

LONDON, March 23, (A.P.A.): Japan is planning a counter offensive to recapture Saipan and Iwojima Islands, Premier Koiso told the Diet to-day according to Radio Tokyo.

The radio quoted an Imperial Headquarters Communique claiming eleven United States warships including five carriers, two battleships, three cruisers and one unidentified ship as sunk during the attack this week on the Japanese home islands.

The radio declared that 180 American planes were shot down for a loss of 150 Japanese planes.

ALLIES TO AID FR. INDO-CHINESE FORCES.

PARIS, March 22. (Reuter): The Allied High Command has replied favourably to the French request for aid for French Indo-Chinese forces holding out against the Japanese in Indo-China, it is learned in well-informed quarters to-night, cables Reuter's Special Correspondent. The reply was received "at least 48 hours ago"—that is on or before Tuesday, it was revealed.

Japs Remove Australian Prisoners To Mainland

CANBERRA, March 23. (Reuter). The Commonwealth Prime Minister Mr. Curtin stated in the House of Representatives to-day that there was evidence that the Japanese were moving certain categories of Australian prisoners from the outer occupied territories to the Japanese mainland.

This information had been partially compiled from secret sources in Japan, he said.

Transfers were being carried out under conditions "appalling according to Western standards, with complete disregard to the health and safety of the prisoners" he added.

"So far as is known by Government of whom 1,057 are officers and 17,661 rankers.

AUSTRALIA'S POST-WAR DEFENCE.

The Prime Minister, Mr. John Curtin, told the House of Representatives here to-day announced the creation of four Committees in the Defence Department to deal with post-war defence policy and for the study of co-operation within the British Commonwealth and the World Security Organisation.

SYSTEMATIC MURDER OF CITIZENS

Charge Sheet Of Spanish Govt. Against Japanese

MADRID, March 23. (A.P.A.): The Spanish Government to-day charged the Japanese with "systematic premeditated" murder of Spanish citizens and destruction of Spanish property prior to the Liberation of Manila by the Allies. The official Spanish news agency CIFRA citing "official information" said that Spanish women and children who sought refuge in the Spanish Consulate at Manila were bayoneted to death by Japs.

SPAIN PROTESTS TO JAPAN.

MADRID, March 23. (Reuter): Spain has sent Japan a strong note of protest demanding an explanation of Japanese atrocities against Spanish subjects and property in the Philippines.

Holkar Denies Report

Allegation That He Would Abdicate If India Given Equality At San Francisco!

INDORE, March 23 (A.P.I.)—While the Maharaja of Indore sympathises with every effort calculated to promote the advancement of British India and the Indian States and the creation of a harmonious world, he cannot but regret that his attitude should have made the subject of a misleading report, says a communique issued by the State Department of Information.

The communique refers to a report published in certain journals, specially in Northern India, and says this report alleged that His Highness Maharaja Holkar was eager to be appointed as delegate to represent the Chamber of Princes at the conferences to be held in London and San Francisco. It is further alleged that it was the intention of His Highness to declare at these conferences that if India were given status in equality with other self-governing countries he would be prepared to renounce rulership of Indore. In support of these allegations, continues the communique, it was reported that the information was derived from "reliable quarters" in close touch with His Highness. The Information Department of Holkar State is directed to point out, the communique concludes, that there is no basis of truth in statements contained in this palpably misleading report.

City Muslims Observe 'Pakistan Day'

BOMBAY, Friday.

A section of local Muslims celebrated to-day the fifth anniversary of their declaration popularly known as Pakistan scheme passed at the Lahore session of the All-India Muslim League. A meeting was held at Kalsar Baugh, Dongri when Mr. I I Chundrigar presided and a number of speakers addressed it putting forth the Muslim view point of Pakistan.

Mr. Chundrigar said that Pakistan their irrevocable and unalterable demand and they would not rest content till they achieved it.

Referring to Lord Wavell's visit to London, Mr. Chundrigar suspected a conspiracy between the Government and the Hindus to hold back the Muslim demand of Pakistan and sounded a warning that if Muslim rights were trampled they would not agitate to launch a campaign against the ruling power.

Messrs Sharifuddin Peerzada, Hasan Shaikh and Gulam Haydar Momin also addressed the meeting.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

"I would welcome the visit of Lord Wavell to England if it helps to usher in a new era on these lines even though the object is to secure an Indian vote at the San Francisco Conference. Let this vote be of real India's and not that of British imperialism. If India is to have a vote at this Conference then obviously it must be the vote of real leaders of the people and not merely of nominees of the British Government who happen to be in the Viceroy's Executive Council."

—Malik Barkat Ali, Muslim League leader.

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"Neither the Government of India nor Provincial Governments, as Lord Wavell made it clear, were asking for repentance in sack cloth and ashes."—Sir Francis Mudie.

Nor do India and its people really ask the Government of India and Provincial Governments for repentance "in sack cloth and ashes."

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Whatever you may think—and keep it to yourselves—we personally extend a cordial welcome to Mr. M. A. Jinnah.

We are delighted to gather from his long and impressive statement that the Qaid-e-Azam has recovered from his recent illness and been restored to his normal vigorous health.

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"I know" says Mr. Jinnah, "that intrigues recently smook the Muslim League Ministry in Sind. That was entirely due to want of solidarity and unity. I know that for similar reasons in the North-West Frontier Province the Muslim League Ministry was defeated."

We know that one day Mahatma Gandhi, Wardha, Sevagram and Congress will be discovered to have been responsible for both N.-F.F.P. and Sind.

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"I urge", clarion-calls the Qaid-e-Azam, "upon the Committee of Action, the Central Parliamentary Board and all the provincial Muslim Leagues immediately to get ready for this coming fight that we have to face."

But steady. Don't get excited. The Qaid-e-Azam means the fight at—the next elections.

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Thus "War and Working Class" of Moscow: "It is obvious that the system of colonial enslavement of millions is a dangerous obstacle on the path of social progress."

We are very glad that it is again becoming obvious after a lapse of—how many years is it?

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"The Atlantic Charter's interpretation" adds the same magazine, "varied among the Allied countries with regard to the colonial question...."

And not also with regard to certain European questions, for instance, Polish boundaries and possibly the Dardanelles?

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NO FIRE WATCHING IN BRITAIN FROM TO-MORROW —Headline.

Why? Has the great leader of the Tory Party, Mr. Winston Churchill gone out of oratorical business?

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As a protest against Lord Gort's decision that Jerusalem will have a Muslim, a Jew and a Christian Mayor in rotation, the Arab population is to go on strike today.

The Junior Colleague desires strongly to urge on the Muslim League of Bombay to declare its support—verbally, of course—to the Arab protest.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Some men are known by the work they refuse to do.

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If love is blind how can there be love at first sight?

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In the real drama of life the leading ladies are cooks.

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When a man makes a fool of himself he uses cheap material.

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The knocker has a large audience because he gives a free show.

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The average man is firmly convinced that he does seventeen times as much for others as others do for him.

Evacuate Refugees Instead Of Dishousing Permanent Residents

Deputation Waits On Governor To Express Public Feeling Over Requisitioning Policy

His Excellency Sir Henry Knight received on Thursday a deputation consisting of the following gentlemen: Sir Homi Mody (leader), Sir Chunilal B. Mehta, Sir Shapurji Billimoria, Sir Sohrab Saklatvala, Mr. K. M. Munshi, Mr. Ismail I. Chundrigar, Dr. Joseph Alban DeSouza, Mr. Fazal Ibrahim Rahimtoola, Mr. Pranlal Devkaran Nanjee, Mr. J. C Lancashire, Mr. Q. M. Eastley, Mr. J. S. Lam, and Mr. K. C. Sethna.

Sir Homi Mody said they wished to acquaint His Excellency with the strength of public feeling in the matter of requisitioning by the Government of residential accommodation, and also to make certain suggestions. The public of Bombay had a fine record of war effort, and the cooperation of its citizens had contributed to the success of various control measures. Bombay could "take it", but the requisitioning of residences was not a matter of mere inconvenience, but involved people being thrown on the streets if alternative accommodation could not be found.

SIR HOMI'S SUGGESTIONS

He offered the following suggestions: First, no permanent resident of Bombay should be dishoused; there should instead be evacuation of all refugees and evacuees who were not on essential work. If in any case the eviction of a permanent resident was unavoidable, suitable alternative accommodation should be offered. Measures should be taken for easing pressure on space by finding out what offices or formations could be moved out of Bombay. Possibly personnel usually sent on leave to Bombay could instead be provided for in hill stations in the Province. Sir Homi mentioned the names of a few large residences in Bombay which were not fully utilized at present and might be taken over. He suggested that the Government and the military should check up on all accommodation already required in order to make sure it was being put to the maximum use. Voluntary billeting might be tried, and some of the clubs could be better utilized. The Government should have foreseen the present shortage, and made provision by more building. He believed building materials could have been made available if proper pressure had been brought to bear. A survey should now be undertaken of all stock piles in Government, particularly military, possession in the country, with a view to undertaking construction on a large scale to meet any future crisis. Private building should also be permitted, and from his own knowledge he could say that more cement and also some 'kachcha' timber could be released. Building of additional quarters on the roofs and terraces of buildings in the Fort and on Marine Drive should be considered. An Advisory Committee, providing representation to non-officials, including the two Chambers and the Municipal Corporation, and with preferably an Indian non-official chairman should be set up. The existing Quartering Committee was not adequate.

CONVERT CLUBS INTO LIVING QUARTERS

Mr. K. M. Munshi said that portions of various clubs, such as the W.I.T.C., the Willingdon, Cricket Club, Radio Club and the Bombay Gymkhana could be conveniently converted into living accommodation. Private building by property owners should be encouraged. More consideration should also be given in such matters as the period of notice given before requisitioning. A non-official committee would have a moderating influence.

Sir Sohrab Saklatvala endorsed some of the above suggestions. Mr. Chundrigar asked if Dehu Road Camp was being fully used now. Mr. Pranlal Devkaran Nanjee said residences should not be requisitioned for civil officials. Mr. Fazal I. Rahimtoola emphasized that the public was out to co-operate but that it had insufficient information regarding the Government's needs and the system of requisitioning. The Committee suggested by Sir Homi would be useful to remove misunderstandings. Mr. Lam referred to the general feeling of alarm in the City, since the public did not know where the axe would fall next. He also referred to the fact that several internees of foreign nationalities, who had in the first instance been interned in certain places outside Bombay, had been latterly released and allowed to come to Bombay to find employment there, thereby increasing the congestion in Bombay.

GOVERNOR'S EXPLANATION

His Excellency the Governor, replying, said that he could comment on some of the points raised at once. As regards the first point— that no permanent resident of Bombay should be dishoused without alternative accommodation being offered—His Excellency Sir John Colville had explained at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce that, although it was impossible to give a categorical assurance of that kind, every effort would be made to do so and any such case would receive the personal attention of himself or of the Adviser concerned. The possibility of moving some of the Government of India offices from Bombay was being examined. The Bombay Government had moved their Public Health Department back to Poona, but Poona too was crowded. The Army did not want to keep more people in Bombay than absolutely necessary. General Beard confirmed that only operationally vital formations were kept in Bombay. The Government was proposing to carry out a census of residential accommodation in certain areas, and the question of billeting was also under consideration Compulsory billeting however had not been found satisfactory in other cities in India. His Excellency foresaw great difficulties in accepting the suggestion of a general advisory committee, at any rate so far as military requisitioning was concerned, for security reasons. The other suggestions made would be taken up for consideration. Although he understood that ignorance and anxiety over the future might have made people nervous, the alarm expressed over the requisitioning of two buildings already 30 to 40 per cent in military occupation appeared to him somewhat undue. He was sure he could with confidence ask them to assist the public to preserve a sense of proportion in this matter, and the Government would for its part help to allay alarmist rumours by explaining, so far as consistent with security requirements, the need for action taken and the means available for avoiding inconvenience to the public They could be absolutely assured that Mr. Collins and General Beard would do their utmost to reduce difficulties to the public to the minimum possible.

"EXAGGERATED" RUMOURS

Major-General Beard referred to certain exaggerated rumours on the subject, and pointed out that the number of persons affected was very small, and even this small number was not being treated unsympathetically but was being given as much assistance as possible. He contradicted the suggestion that inadequate notice was given of requisitioning. Mr. Collins, intervening, remarked that usually a warning notice was first issued; after that the requisition order usually gave a further two months' notice. General Beard then referred to the building position, and at this point Sir Homi Mody stressed the need to urge G. H. Q. to relax the principle that building could only be undertaken for some definite operational commitment.

His Excellency refuted the suggestion that the military authorities had acted in any way "recklessly." In point of fact they had hitherto been able to help all persons dishoused to find alternative accommodation, a thing which had not to his knowledge been done elsewhere. They had also acted throughout in close consultation with the Provincial Government.

Sir Homi Mody expressed thanks to His Excellency on behalf of the deputation, which then withdrew.

MAYOR SUGGESTS SATYAGRAHA

Citizens Protest Against Requisitioning

BOMBAY, Friday.

At a meeting under the auspices of the Progressive Group a resolution was passed protesting against the policy of the Government with regard to requisitioning.

Mr. Tanubhai Desai presided.

The resolution expressed grave concern at the requisitioning policy of the Government, which created great hardship and discomfort to the civilian population. It suggested the erection of temporary hutments to meet the requirements of the military and suggested that if at all requisition became imperative the flats of the refugee population must be requisitioned first. It also suggested the formation of a citizens committee which the Government must consult for the purposes of requisitioning.

Mr. Manu Subedar, M.L.A. (Central), sent a telegram to the meeting through the Groups' former president, Mr. R. K. Karanjia, in which he said: (a) The diversion of the monopoly of building material at the command of Government, or its diversion to civilian use: (b) The Government must ask the refugee population to quit as "they had about 2,000 flats and residences, some of whom lived on their capital, others on their wits, all adding to the vice and gambling in the city." (c) The dehousing of brothels, the conversion of requisitioned places to chummeries, etc.

Mr. Nagindas Master, who inaugurated a discussion on the subject, recommended that tenants who were asked to quit must resort to Satyagraha. He pointed out the arbitrariness and racial discrimination involved in requisitioning and asked why the Royal Yacht Club and the Bombay Gymkhana were not requisitioned, also the palaces of princes.

Mr. K. F. Nariman, spoke about the unfair way in which requisition operated, power and influence and not essential requirements counting a great deal.

Mr. Naushir Bharucha said that the hardships which came on the citizens was due to the want of foresight on the part of Government. He suggested the construction of terrace flats and the rationing of accommodation.

Mr. A. A. Peerbhoy suggested the whipping up of public opinion and hoped that the Congress should come back to power in the province, if only to solve such pressing problems, as the Government was not interested in the people or responsible to public opinion.

PROTEST AGAINST PROPERTY TAX

Government Asked To Withdraw Legislation

A resolution strongly urging upon the Bombay Government to abolish the Urban Immovable Property Tax was passed at a meeting of the immovable property owners of Bombay and suburbs held at Sir Cowasji Jehangir Hall on Thursday evening.

Sir Chimanlal Setalvad who presided said: "The tax discriminates against one class of investment while incomes from other investments of even more lucrative character are exempted from this levy. The tax is nominally 7 per cent of the rateable value but it takes away 13 per cent and more of the income from the immovable property owners. It is high time that the Government should abolish this tax."

Mr. I. I. Chundrigar while proposing the resolution narrated how the tax was imposed by the Congress Government in 1939. He said that the charitable institutes and hospitals were also affected by this tax. The tax works specially oppressive on the Muslim community whose charitable trust had to be largely invested in immovable properties.

Mr. Mohanlal Desai supporting the resolution asked when the Government was not utilising the money for the original object with which the tax was collected why should they not abolish it?

A large number of other speakers also supported the resolution.

"CONGRESS MUST COALESCE"

Khan Sahib Should Have Invited One Leaguer, Says Setalvad

BOMBAY, Friday (A.P.I.): Sir Chimanlal Setalvad in the course of a statement expresses the hope that the Congress, profitting by past experience, would form all-parties governments in case they decide to return to office. He says the coming back into office of the Congress Ministry in the North-West Frontier province is a welcome sign of return to sanity in the Congress ranks. They have taken a long time to realise the great mistakes that they committed in withdrawing the Congress Ministries in 1939 and in refusing to accept the Cripps offer.

There is, however, one feature which is clearly disquieting. In the North-West Frontier Province, the new Ministry is purely a Congress Ministry and if the Congress Party decides to assume office again in the provinces in which they were once in power, it is apprehended that they would also there form purely Congress Ministries. If they do so, it would be a disastrous mistake. In view of all that has happened since 1937 formation of purely Congress Ministries in provinces where the Congress is in majority in the legislatures, would make impossible any reasonable settlement with the Muslim League.

It would have been indeed a highly commendable gesture if Dr. Khan Saheb had invited one of the Muslim League Members to join his Cabinet. This would have been quite appropriate with his declaration that as Premier, he would work and act as a non-party man.

One only hopes that the Congress High Command would profit by past experience and instead of monopolising all power themselves and carrying out their own programme in utter disregard of other views, will form all-parties governments if they decide to return to office.

In Assam, Mr. Bardoloi, the ex-Congress Premier, is reported to have advised the League Premier to form an all-parties government. It would indeed have been more graceful if the Congress Premier in the North-West Frontier Province had recognised the desirability of forming a composite government in his province."

MAVLANKAR'S PLEA FOR TRANSFER OF REAL POWER

AHMEDABAD, March 23 (A.P.I.): Emphasis should be laid on the prosecution of the Constructive Programme rather than on the acceptance of office and formation of Ministries for increasing the strength of the people to win Swaraj. This was the comment of Mr. G. V. Mavlanker, Speaker of the Bombay Legislative Assembly, on Lord Wavell's visit to London.

Mr. Mavlanker says: "It is possible that acceptance of office may do some apparent public good, but in the absence of real power being transferred to the people more harm than good is likely to result in the long run from the acceptance of office."

KIDWAI UNABLE TO WALK TO JAIL GATE

ALLAHABAD, March 21.

It is understood that Mr. Rafi Ahmad Kidwai, former Congress Minister, declined to interview his relatives as the permission was not granted for the interview to take place in his own barrack in view of his weak state of health and as he is not able to walk up to the jail office for the purpose.—United Press.

Preliminary reports show that one or two Japanese battleships were damaged. Also damaged were two or three Japanese aircraft carriers, two light craft carriers, two escort carriers, one heavy cruiser, one light cruiser, one submarine, four destroyers and seven freighters. Six Japanese freighters were sunk 200 Japanese planes were destroyed in the air and 275 on the ground.

One American ship was seriously damaged. Few others sustained minor damage but are still in full operational condition.

Besides these carrier plane attacks on the Japanese fleet, units the 'communique' also reports further air raids on Yap in Western Carolines on Japanese bases in the Marshalls and on an airfield on Chichijima in the Bonins.

Marines continued mopping up operations on Iwo.

COMMUNIST-KUOMINTANG TUG-OF-WAR

Chiang Kai-Shek Is Playing For Time Says Moraes

Addressing the Bombay Branch of the Indian Council of World Affairs on "The Outlook in China" at Bombay House on Thursday, 22nd March, Mr. F. R. Moraes, who recently visited China, explained the Communist-Kuomintang differences and the move to reorganise the Chinese army with American assistance. Sir Homi Mody presided.

At this juncture, when much criticism was being directed against China, Mr. Moraes felt that it was only fair to remember that China had been fighting Japan since 1937, and for four years the Chinese had fought alone. For some of that period Japan had been assisted with munitions, oil, planes and equipment by America and Britain. For the last 2 1/2 years China had fought without a seaport and until recently without a land life-line to her allies.

To China's credit it must be stated that, despite blandishments and threats, she had refused steadfastly to make peace with Japan, and today, whether she was fighting vigorously or not, she was keeping some 800,000 Japanese troops locked on the Asiatic mainland.

Referring to the debit side of the Chinese account, Mr. Moraes suggested that the hoarding of lend-lease material by the Kuomintang was a fact and in the Japanese offensive of last year large dumps of equipment and munitions hoarded over many years had to be destroyed at Tushan.

So far as the Communist-Kuomintang dispute went, he felt that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek was attempting to play for time in the hope that at the end of the war he would be in a better position to deal with this internal problem. The Kuomintang would be greatly embarrassed by Russia's entry into the Pacific war, which would probably mean the entry and occupation by Russian troops of Manchuria and possibly North China.

On the other hand, the Chinese Communists were adopting a more rigid attitude, as was evidenced by their recent declaration that they would not have Chiang Kai-Shek as head of a coalition Government. This was contrary to their previous declarations, and the speaker suggested that they felt the tide was turning in their favour.

The possibility of Russian intervention in the Pacific, along with the fact of American anxiety for a Kuomintang-Communist settlement, were two factors to be borne in mind. While the Communists were manoeuvring to compel a show-down, Chiang Kai-Shek was playing for time.

An interesting discussion followed the talk.

THE SPORTSMAN'S SPORTSFOLIO

(BY J. C. MAITRA

"The Times of India" Cricket Shield Tournament which has been doing a lot of good to local cricket for the last few years, came to an end last week-end at the Brabourne Stadium. The B.E.S.T. Sports Club earned the unique distinction of holding the trophy for the sixth year in succession. Surprising as it may seem, bowlers, instead of batsmen, predominated the show. What was wrong with the C.C.I. wicket? Did it have a "French Cut" in preference to the usual 'clean shave'? Or was it merely batting weakness on both sides? Any way, some of the bowlers had a field day.

PATIL'S SPLENDID EFFORT.

Thanks to the excellent bowling of J. J. Kore of the Oriental Life Office, the Tramwaymen were dismissed for 183 and 204, the bowler bagging 11 wickets in all for 120 runs. The batting honours on the other hand were claimed by J. B. Patil who after scoring 70 in the first innings, carried his bat for an invaluable 72 in the second. There is no doubt that for his splendid effort the B.E.S.T. would have been hard put to it to retain the trophy.

KORE'S DOUBLE FEAT.

The Insurancemen had a dreadful start losing 7 of their wickets for a paltry 67. Kore, who has hardly any reputation as a batsman, however, rose to the occasion and with the assistance of K. S. Shete added as many as 115 runs for the eighth wicket. With the contribution of 76 and 56 respectively by these two batsmen, Oriental's score remained only 6 runs behind that of their rivals. But their second venture had a sorry tale to tell. A. J. Bode and K. K. Tarapore ran through them for a meagre collection of 116 runs. Only three batsmen were able to reach double figures, Bode was responsible for 3 wickets in all for 96 runs. But for this collapse, the Insurancemen might have given the B.E.S.T. a good run for their money.

BOMBAY CITY TOPS WOMEN'S LEAGUE.

The B.P.H.A. has at last succeeded in bringing one tournament to a close and that is the Women's Hockey League. In this too there might have been a little trouble over the final disposal of the Championship, if Bombay City had drawn with Proctor Ladies in their deciding battle. Then Bombay Greys would have claimed the title owing to a legal flaw. The B.P.H.A. would do well to make the rule clear in case a team withdraws from the competition. Fortunately the City won the tie by the substantial margin of 3 goals to nil and won the League honours after the lapse of several years. They must thank the disbandment of the Vincent Club which is responsible for a new accession of strength in their ranks. The Greys, their strong rivals, stood second in the table with one point less in their account.

INDIAN CRICKETERS' DEBUT IN CEYLON.

The Indian cricketers' debut in Ceylon was not very encouraging. Playing their first match against Ceylon Cricket Association's XI at Colombo, they could muster only 217 in their first venture. This is a poor tribute to their great batting strength. Barring Rusi Modi, all our giants had figured in this contest. But with the exception of Amarnath and Hazare who scored 74 and 70 respectively, all the others failed. Was it due to the fact that they were not presented with the C.C.I. paradise which they love so much? Or it may be attributed to the new conditions which they have not got used to yet.

WEAK FIELDING.

Our bowlers did not fare well either. The home batsmen hit up 332 at their expense, losing 7 wickets only in the bargain. Spittel was responsible for a lucky 124, while Fernando and Jayawickrame contributed 73 and 80 respectively. If our fielding was tight, as might be expected from a first class side, the Ceylon total would never have reached that figure. However I expect a general improvement in all the departments when they play their next match. Although the honours of the first match went to Ceylon, we may rest assured that our men would give a creditable account of themselves later on. However I wonder if Dalal Street now realises the folly we might have committed if we had sent a team of colts there, as advised by F.P.J.!

Baroda Horses For Oaks And Derby

LONDON, March 22. (A.P.A.): British racing men expressed pleasure over news that the Gaekwar of Baroda has strings of horses in England and Australia as well as India and apparently is expanding his interests.

He spent more than 20,000 sterling in a few months last year.

Fred Armstrong, the Middleham trainer, is looking after the Gaekwar's horses—"Her Highness" for the Thousand Guineas, and The Oaks and "the Gaekwar's Pride" and "Baroda Squadron" for the Derby.

Famous Jockey Dies

LONDON, March 23. (Reuter):- The famous jockey Steve Donoghue has died suddenly in London. He had only been ill for a matter of twenty-four hours. Donoghue who was sixty, started life in a steel work at the age of twelve and made up his mind to become a jockey after he had seen a race for the Chester cup. Among the tremendous list of racing achievements he was the rider of Six Derby winners.

South India Tennis Tournament

MASULIPATAM, March 22. (A.P.I.)

The South India Lawn Tennis Championships tournament concluded to-day. Following were the results of to-day's play:

DOUBLES FINALS.

M. Janakiramiah and S. Bhujanga Rao beat Ghaus Mohamed and Y. Singh 6—4; 2—6; 6—1; 6—6.

The Raja of South Vailuru who conducted the tournament has donated the gate collections to the Red Cross Fund.

INDIAN TEAM TO MEET SERVICES XI

COLOMBO, March 22. (A.P.I.): Building on the good foundation they laid yesterday, the Ceylon captain Jayawickreme and Fernando took Ceylon's total to 160 before Jayawickreme was given out l.b.w. to Nayudu.

Spittel who distinguished himself as a bowler yesterday, claiming three Indian wickets, added another distinction to-day, being the top scorer for his side and with Fernando was concerned in another brilliant partnership which not only enabled C. C. A. Eleven to surpass the Indian total but put them nearly hundred runs ahead.

The last two hours wherein the Indian batsmen were again in action witnessed some fast scoring. But the first match has failed to reveal the Indian batting strength.

Indians are meeting Services Eleven on Saturday at the Oval.

BENGAL'S SOCCER REPRESENTATIVES.

CALCUTTA, March 23, (A P I): The Provincial Sub-Committee of the I F A selected to-day Mr. J C Guha, Joint Honorary Secretary of the I F A and Mr. G N Banerjee representative of the 24 Parganas District Association, to represent the I F A at the forthcoming meeting of the All-India Football Federation.

Mahatma And C. P. Ministry Move

WARDHA, March 21 (U.P.I.)—Mahatma Gandhi was again approached yesterday for his opinion on the formation of a Congress Ministry in the Central Provinces and on the possibility of the Congress accepting office in other provinces but he declined to express any opinion on the issue.

Political circles here attach importance to Mahatma's silence.

Lal Bahadur Shastri Transferred

ALLAHABAD, March 21 (A.P.I.)—Mr. Lal Bahadur Shastri, a member of the A.I.C.C. was transferred from the Unao jail to the Naini Central Prison, Allahabad, yesterday.

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tioned to buyers. Nevertheless, British manufacturers probably obtain a somewhat better profit margin on sales to India than in several repressed home markets. The easing of consumer goods to India seems to have been progressive ever since the end of 1943 and was not affected by the Rundstedt offensive in December which caused a retrogression in supplies to certain other markets. Capital goods deliveries however (colliery equipment, cotton textile machinery etc.), were perforce put back.

India To Be Flooded With Consumer Goods

BRITISH BIG BUSINESS THREAT

LONDON, March 23.

(From Reuter's City Correspondent): The background of the "unscrambling" of Indian consumer goods control is that upto 1942, the war had hardly affected Indian import controls. Hence with shipping scarce, the pull of a shipper depended on peacetime goodwill rather than wartime essentiality. For example, whisky sometimes got priority over machine tools.

India accordingly imposed total import licensing perhaps more severe than any other party of the Empire. This was overdone. The scarcity of "inducement goods" by the end of 1943—goods which would induce cultivator to sell—contributed to the Bengal Famine.

A progressive improvement has occurred since then under the "consumer goods" scheme whereby the authorities in India and here cut out much red tape to enable Indian importers to snatch any opportunities of goods which might become available for export from Britain whereas a delay for import licensing formalities would have entailed the danger of losing these opportunities.

FLOOD OF BICYCLES

British exports to India accordingly rose by about six million sterling in 1944 mostly consumer goods for example rayons and woollens.

A further improvement by possibly around ten million sterling is expected in 1946. India's quarterly allocation of two million yards fine prints and cambric from Lancashire for Europeanised Indian population is small, but is likely to continue for each quarter of 1945 and is better than nothing. Some lines are seeking a decided improvement for example, bicycles which of India's own production covers only about one-eighth of her requirements and at high prices. India's allocation from Britain is likely to rise from 10,000 bicycles each half year during 1944 to 55,000 half yearly during 1945 which should meet about two-thirds of India's requirements—which is probably a larger proportion of requirements than the British home market is allowed to buy. No discrimination arises in favour of either British exporters or Indian importers against other countries. India's open general license is only for goods from Britain because:—

DECK CARGO' ARGUMENT.

Firstly, any imports from the United States must be aligned with exchange control: the sterling area already spends all dollars it has, and cannot spend more than it has. Secondly, imports from elsewhere depend on shipping, whereas there is now no shipping difficulty from Britain to India and none is anticipated. The huge movement of military cargo from the British to the India base entails abundant deck cargo which requires bottoming. As an importer, India is certainly getting preferential treatment compared with many other countries which also want consumers goods, but the authorities must pay attention to the fact that in the Japanese phase of war, India will be almost the only Overseas country which still remains the operational base and civilian supplies for operational bases are essential for the prosecution of war.

The "unscrambling" of the import licensing procedure is primarily to cut out red tape and facilitate exporters obtaining shipspace; previously an exporter could not begin to obtain shipspace without an import licence which might take months. Strictly speaking, this 'unscrambling' merely affects the import licensing export licensing procedure and does not relieve physical bottlenecks, namely controls on production and sheer unavailability of supplies. But actually the latter is also decidedly easing. Medicines, drugs, glassware have appreciably improved besides textiles and bicycles. The limiting factor in bicycles is tyres in which India as a substantial producer of precious natural rubber, could possibly arrange to help herself, though this would entail an arrangement with the British Ministry of supply since India produces car tyres and bicycles tyres. Open general licence itself does not include piecegoods or bicycles—for political reasons, namely Indian sensitivity, lest imports unduly compete with war stimulated home industries—but official arrangements have been made under the Consumer Goods Scheme which have the same practical effect of supplying India's real needs as far as supplies are available and without undue formalities until the time is available for proper tariff investigation.

This illustrates the general proposition that the limiting factor on filling India's desperate needs and on India ever obtaining repayment of her sterling balances will be not so much Britain's ability to supply as India's ability to absorb imports as affected by her protectionist industrial policy. If India really wants imported goods which her masses desperately need, she had better start differentiating between vague aspirations and real intentions.

British producers of bicycles and all consumer goods can find ample markets much nearer than India for more than all they can produce. One reason for selling to India is to obtain post-war goodwill which clearly is not helped by the Indian propaganda that there is no future for consumer goods imports owing to India's industrialisation. Actually, it is going to be a very long time indeed, before India indigenously produces not merely Rolls Royces, but dozens of things much more simple than Rolls Royces. And the unrealistic propaganda to the contrary is not merely childish but positively harmful to India.

CAPITAL GOODS PUT BACK.

Another factor, however, which may stimulate manufacturers to sell to India unless India frightens them too badly is the somewhat better profit margin obtainable for export than home sales. British exporters have not exploited the Indian market during the war—on the contrary, they have sold too cheap. Imported goods at prices which could not possibly be fitted into India's inflated internal price structure have provided a positive inducement to the black market.

The Indian Government has bought American cotton shuttles at an equivalent of 21 shillings each. When Lancashire shuttles became available at Lancashire's prices of three shillings six pence, Government had to allocate these American shuttles among buyers—a rare wartime instance of allocation having to be forced on buyers, instead of being ra-

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RENEWAL OF RATION CARDS IN CITY AND SUBURBS.

(WEEK—MARCH 25 TO MARCH 31).

The work of renewing the current ration cards in Bombay City and the Bombay Suburban District by pasting slips over the reverse side will be done during the week March 25 to March 31 at the shops mentioned below:—

Those whose cards are registered at any of those shops should send all the cards of the household on the usual day during the week when they normally draw their rations and got them renewed. Cards should be got renewed even if no rations are drawn during the week.

RATIONS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO BE DRAWN ON UNRENEWED CARDS DURING SUBSEQUENT WEEKS.

The hours for renewal and also for issue of rations at ration shops concerned during the week will be 8-30 a.m. to 11-30 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. and at the Government Grain Shops 8-30 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 p.m to 6 p.m. (The hours will be 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the case of shops situated at remote places in the rural areas).

A WARD—RATION SHOPS—Nos. 14, 16, 26, 62, 467, 493 and 509. GOVERNMENT GRAIN SHOP—No. 186. COMMUNAL STORE—No. 1.

B WARD—RATION SHOPS—Nos. 26, 214, 217, 445, and 537. GOVERNMENT GRAIN SHOP—No. 225.

C WARD—RATION SHOPS—Nos. 49, 51-79, 81, 355, 447, 452, 477, 524 and 557. GOVERNMENT GRAIN SHOPS—Nos. 8, 76, 168 and 172. CO-OPERATIVE STORES—Nos. 6, 9 and 26. COMMUNAL STORE—No. 54.

D WARD—RATION SHOPS—Nos. 89, 132, 133, 153, 374, 375, and 485. GOVERNMENT GRAIN SHOPS—Nos. 38, 101, 109, and 164. COMMUNAL STORE—No. 6.

E (EAST)—RATION SHOPS—Nos. 166, 188, 189, 190, 235, 239, and 455 GOVERNMENT GRAIN SHOP—No. 39.

E (WEST)—RATION SHOPS—Nos. 178, 180, 181, 182, 184, 233, 442, 457 528 and 553. GOVERNMENT GRAIN SHOPS—Nos. 139, 190 and 241.

F (NORTH)—RATION SHOPS—Nos. 255, 258, 260, 274 and 449. GOVERNMENT GRAIN SHOP—No. 46. COMMUNAL STORE—No. 24.

F (SOUTH)—RATION SHOPS—Nos. 268, 275 and 435.

G (NORTH)—RATION SHOPS—Nos. 329, 330, 331 and 340. GOVERNMENT GRAIN SHOP—No. 49.

G (SOUTH)—RATION SHOP—No. 314. GOVERNMENT GRAIN SHOPS—Nos. 39 and 62.

BANDRA—RATION SHOPS—Nos. 35, 36, 37, 38, 40, 42 and 47. GOVERNMENT GRAIN SHOPS—Nos. 206 and 216. CO-OPERATIVE STORE No. 9.

PARLE-ANDHERI—RATION SHOP—No. AM/3. GOVERNMENT GRAIN SHOP—No. 217.

BORIVLI—RATION SHOPS—Nos. BOR/2 and BOR/8.

MALAD—RATION SHOPS—Nos. MD/12 and MAN/1.

KURLA—RATION SHOP—No. K/39. CO-OPERATIVE STORE—No. 7.

GHATKOPAR—RATION SHOP—No. GHT/4. GOVERNMENT GRAIN SHOP—No. 219. CO-OPERATIVE STORE—No. 8.

MULUND—GOVERNMENT GRAIN SHOP—No. 238.

"RICE IN HUSK" IS RATIONED ARTICLE.

With effect from Sunday, March 25, 1945 rationing of "rice in the husk" will commence in Bombay City and the Bombay Suburban District. On and after that date, save as provided in the Bombay Rationing Order, it would be illegal for any person to sell paddy or for any person to obtain paddy otherwise than on a ration coupon.

DON'T FORGET TO HAND IN YOUR RATION CARD BEFORE LEAVING BOMBAY.

Betrayal Of Sacred Cause Of Justice To India

Chunilal Mehta Deplores Indefinite Tabling Of Indian Immigration Bill

BOMBAY, Friday.

Sir Chunilal B. Mehta in a statement on the postponement of the Indian Immigration Bill says:

"I have read, with the deepest sorrow and regret, about the indefinite postponement of consideration of the Indian Immigration Bill by the House of Representatives Committee of Immigration. Looking to the talks I had with a large number of businessmen and others in the U. S., when I was there recently in connection with the International Business Conference at Rye and the latest pronouncements of leading people there, I had great hopes that the United States Legislature would pass the Bill with regard to the removal of restrictions on immigration of Indians into U.S.A.

"Unfortunately, this has not been done; and the Committee of the House of Representatives has postponed indefinitely consideration of this important piece of legislation. India has proved an useful and important partner of the United Nations in the war that is being carried on Specially, India has been made a centre of operations which are being carried on against Japan and it is likely, from the statements being made by different Government authorities here and elsewhere, that when the war in the West finishes and the war in the East begins to be carried on in right and real earnest, India will be made even a greater centre of operations.

"I need not recapitulate here what are the sacrifices made by India in the cause of the United Nations, as that has been sufficiently made clear by now. It will be betrayal of the sacred cause of justice to India, if this indefinite postponement means shelving the Indian issue altogether. I hope and trust that even now the United States Legislature will think otherwise and decide to deal justly with India and also that the British Government will exercise all the pressure it can for getting justice for this country.

"Leaders of the different Indian political parties, I must frankly state, had no confidence that the immigration Bill would be passed by the American Legislature, as they felt that, despite the sacrifices India had made for the Allied cause and d spite the so-called Atlantic Charter and slogans like the war being fought in the cause of liberty and freedom, the American people still looked askance at the rights of Indian people. The shelving of this very necessary piece of legislation will mean no small disappointment and resentment in this country, which should be avoided in the interests of mutual goodwill."

Dr. Malan's Call To End 'Open Door' Policy To Asiatics

CAPETOWN, March 22 (Reuter): The Opposition leader Dr. Malan in the Assembly today called for an end of the policy of "open door" to Asiatic Immigration in Africa and advocated an "Atlantic Charter" for the country by which powers which had interests here should declare that the native peoples would remain under European guardianship for a long time guided by Western European Christian principles.

Could such a Charter provide that Africans should not receive military training or bear arms or take part in military operations, asked Dr. Malan, who declared that if Africa were not preserved for western civilisation, and Russia obtained power in Europe and the Mediterranean—and she was already doing that—the whole African continent would be exposed to communist propaganda.

B. E. S. T. Workers' Successful Strike

Mr. Thaman Singh writes:—

Mr. Abidali Jafarbhoy, President, B.E.S.T. Workers' Union, and his colleagues need being congratulated on their very successfully organising the lightning but peaceful strike of the workers of B.E.S.T. Co. on Monday, the 19th March, 1945. The workers of all castes and communities co-operated in a manner unprecedented in the history of such strikes. This co-operatoin on the part of the workers has demonstrated to the world that people demanding separate representations on the basis of different religions go to disunite and weaken the nation. India is one.

This demonstration is a lead of unity. Public were sympathetic and appreciated the workers' bold step.

It is expected that the Union and the workers will continue this co-operation for the mutual good of the workers and the B.E.S.T. Co.

The officers of the B.E.S.T. Co. also deserve appreciation in handling the situation with sagacity and prudence to avoid inconvenience to the public.

HAPUR QUOTATIONS

HAPUR, March 23.

Wheat 9/12, Stock 86, Khattis Gram 8/-, Stock nil, Barley New 6/10, Peas New 6/-, Old Khattis 5/8, Stock 124, Khattis Maize 6/10, Bajra 7/9, Juwar 7/4, Urad 13/14, Moong 11/-, Arhar Ready 6/10, Old Khattis 7/-, Dal 12/8, Gur 9/2. Arrivals 1,800 mds. Market extremely steady. Silver 130/-, Gold 72/10, steady on Bombay advices and speculative purchases. Bardana Chet 54/12, Asoj 54/8, Guwar 7/-.

WASHINGTON March 21 (APA): The Commodity Credit Corporation told a congressional committee today that 3,000 tons of pepper are to be received in the United States this year from India.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

The Market ruled firm for coals, jutes and teas while others remained more or less unchanged. Government Securities were unaltered.

Following are to-day's final transactions upto 2-00 p.m.

Government Securities: Three per cent Govt. paper 91/2, S. Lot three per cent defence bonds 1946 102/4, S. Lot three per cent victory bonds 1957 99/13, three per cent loan 1963/65 98/85, three per cent loan 1966/68 98/7, three half per cent Govt. paper 99/10/6, four per cent loan 1960/70, 112/13, Reserve Bank 133/8.

COTTONS: Bengal Nagpur 42/5, Cawnpore Textiles 13/4, New Victoria Ordy. 7/6, Kesoram 17/12.

COALS: Amalgamated 53/2, Bengal 697, S. Lot Dhemo main 28/8, East Indian 38/11, Ghusick and Muslia 16, Nazira 21/15, Raneegunge 50/6, Satpukuria and Asansol 11/1, South Karanpura 29/14, Standard 44/4, C. T. Bhalgora 20/11, Equitable 68/4, Katras Jherriah 61/8, S. Lot New Churulia 13/12, Rewa 44/6, Sendra 24/8, Talcher 12/4.

JUTES: Anglo-India 476, Auckland 337, Budge Budge 499, Cheviot 321, Dalhousie 353, Kamarhatty 692, India 705, Nuddea 129, Presidency 12/11, Reliance 76/12, Bally 367, Kanknarrah 579, New Central 600, Orient 274.

MISCELLANEOUS: Burma Corpn. 5/8, Indian copper 3/1, Tavoy tin 3/13, Assam Bengal cement 17/7, Alkali and Chemical 28/7, Burn and Co. 399, Jessop and Co. 24/10, Kumardhubi Eng. 11/4, National iron 12/3, E. Bararee coke 33/14, Calcutta Trams 45/8, National insulated cable 14/4, British Usha Petroleum 5/3, Midnapore Zamindary 175.

SUGAR: Balrampore 17/3, Carew 27/4, Cawnpore 37/6, Champaran 38/4, Ramnugger cane and sugar 15/2.

TEAS: Eastern Cahar 12/4, Rungamattee 354, Seajuli 41/4, Teloijan 14/8.

MADRAS SHARE MARKET

MADRAS, March 23, (A P I): Following are to-day's quotations on the Stock Exchange:—

SUGARS AND BREWERIES: Deccan (10) 37/8 Do. (25) 86, India Sugar 33, Mysore Sugar 60, South India 16/8, Travancore 14/4.

PLANTINGS: Cochin Malabar 16/4, Chembra Peaks 9/2, Nedithanam 14, Pullangodes 2/13, Thirumbadi 4/0/6, Valkundam 20/4 Vellamalai 28, Vellitam 34/8 Woodlands 12.

TEXTILES: Bangalore Woi B 475, B and C Ordy 324, Coimbatore Murugan 191, Do. New 99, Janardhana 100, Kaleeswarar 730, Lakshmi 1.2, Do. New 72/8, Pankaja 272 Ranga Vilas 145, Sitram Spg. 170, Vasantha 307/8.

MISCELLANEOUS: And Cement 113, Brunions 12/4, Hind Trust 23, Ind. St. Roll 9/10, Mysore Paper 23/10, Mysore Chem. Mfrs. 35/8, Mysore Glass Enamel 20/8, Mettur Chem. 15/12, Do. Defd. 6/4, Singareni 21/2, Spencer 13/12.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

BOMBAY, March 23.

2-1/2 p c G P Notes	99	9	6
3 p c 1963-65	98	15	0
3 p c 1966-68	98	6	6
4 p c 1960-70	112	13	0
4-1/2 p c 1955-60	117	2	0
3-1/2 p c 1947-50	103	9	0
2-3/4 p c 1948-52	99	13	0
3 p c 1946 Def	102	6	0
3 p c 1949-52 1st	101	9	0
3 p c 1951-54 2nd	100	14	0
3 p c 1953-55 3rd	100	6	0
3 p c 1957 Vict	99	14	0

CORPORATION DEBENTURES

4 p c B P T 1974	113	12	0
4 p c M Deb 1974	113	12	0
5 p c M Deb 1959	121	0	0
6 p c M Deb 1954	130	0	0
6 p c M T 1956	130	0	0

TAX-FREE LOANS

5 p c 1945-55	102—8	0	
4 p c 1953-63 Mysore	122	0	0
5 p c Mysore	135	0	0

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, March 23.

LONDON: Banks buying 90 days/st 1/6 7/32 1 and 2 months, 1/6 1/4 3 to 6 months.

B. C. RATES: T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16.

Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/5 31/32.

Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32 D D 1/6 3/32.

LDN/NEW YORK:

Banks selling T T Rs. 332 3/4 D D Rs. 332 3/4.

Banks buying T T Rs. 329 1/2 D D Rs. 327 1/2.

LDN/MONTREAL:

Banks selling T T Rs. 302 1/2 D D Rs. 302 1/2

Banks buying T T Rs. 297 3/4 D D Rs. 295 3/4.

Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Very quiet.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 p c. Bank of England Rate 2 p c.

Money:—Call, one and two months 1/4 p c, 3 to 5 months 1/2 p c, 6 to 1 months 3/4 p c 12 months 1 1/4 p c.

Tone:—Easy.

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

Statement of the Affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on the 16th March, 1945:—

LIABILITIES

CAPITAL:—Rs. 5,62,50,000. Reserve Fund Rs. 6,00,000; Fixed Deposit, Savings Bank Current and other Accounts Rs. 231,24,75,000; Sundries Rs. 99,39 000; Total Rs. 243,86,64,000.

ASSETS

INVESTMENTS:—Government Securities Rs. 125,16,44,000; Other Authorised Investments Rs. 4,05,29,000; ADVANCES:—Loans Rs. 21,56,96,000; Cash Credits and Overdrafts Rs. 41,74,95,000; Bills Discounted and Purchased Rs. 4,40,26,000; Dead Stock Rs. 1,96,54,000. Sundries Rs. 1,01,98,000; CASH:—In hand and with the Reserve Bank of India Rs. 43,03,31,000; Balances with other Banks Rs. 1,20,89,000. Total Rs. 243,86,64,000.

LONDON BULLION

LONDON, March 22.

Spot 25-1/2, Forward 25-1/2. Gold Bars Fine per oz. £8/8/0.

LONDON EXCHANGES

LONDON, March 22.

T T London on:—

New York sellers 4.02 1/2, buyers 4.03-1/2 Madrid Official 44.00 Montreal sellers 4.43, buyers 4.47, Zurich sellers 17.3 buyers 17.4. Stockholm sellers 16.85 buyers 16.95.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, March 22.

Rupee Paper 3-1/2 p c £72-5/8, Consols 2-1/2 p c £33, Conversion Loan 3-1/2 p c 1961 £105-13/16 War Loan 3-1/2 p c £105-1/8, Funding Loan 4 p c 1960/90 £115-5/8, Victory Bonds 4 p c £113-7/8, Chartered Bank of I. A. & China £10-13/16, Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (London Reg.) £86, National Bank of India £42-1/2.

CALICUT QUOTATIONS

CALICUT, March 23.

Cocoanuts raw 80, Dry 79, Cocoanut Oil 335, Copra office 197, Dilpasand 297/8, Madrasnottam 247/8, Goodgoods 220, Pepper Wynaad 365, Country 355, Dry Ginger Chernad 225, Ernad 215, Coffee Robusta 83.

AMERICAN VIEW OF TRADE POSSIBILITIES IN INDIA

WASHINGTON, March 22 (U.P.A.)—Mr. Clayton Lane, recently returned from four years in India, predicted to the United Press of America today that United States Tourist trade to India after the war would increase providing "adequate provisions are made there for their comfort and convenience."

Mr. Lane said, this tourist trade would be invaluable in helping provide India with United States dollars with which to purchase American goods and finance studies of Indian students in the United States.

He said that in this respect, although India is most anxious to get American technical advisers to "help them with their plans and import purchases and with subsequent activities," nevertheless they expect to send "hundreds of Indian students, scientists, and physicians" to the United States "in the next ten years for training in advanced studies."

"Scores of manufacturers are also eager to come to the United States for ideas as well as factory equipment."

"All this and much more of like nature to come will require dollar exchange."

This dollar exchange Mr. Lane said, must be largely supplied by United States purchases in India plus the great expansion of United States tourist trade.

TWO-WAY TRADE

Mr. Lane said the continued post-war U.S. purchases in India cannot be over-emphasized since United States sales to India depend on a two-way trade.

Mr. Lane also said that "any government at New Delhi will be under great pressure to provide tariff protection and import restrictions designed to protect infant industries and even those long established against competition of imported products."

"American public health experts have assisted the Government of India committee to plan large projects which include the establishment of a medical school modelled on that of Johns Hopkins University.

American advice is now being sought for plans for the creation of an engineering school modelled on Massachusetts Institute of Technology," Mr. Lane said.

Regarding two-way trade, he said, "We have sought and obtained in India during the war large quantities of strategic minerals, jute and other products. We'll continue to require some of them in a large volume but the American market should also be receive to a wide range of Indian products."

BRITISH EXPORTERS GET MORE BY SELLING TO INDIA

LONDON, March 22 (U.P.A.)

Reviewing the Indian Government's expansion of the list of permitted imports, the Manchester Guardian's financial reporter declares that this is a valuable opportunity for British exporters to re-establish themselves in the Indian market though supplies still are severely restricted and probably prices must be solved on long-term lines.

"In the case of our exports to India" he writes, "There is no control of export prices here and the internal price control which India imposes merely limits the addition which may be made to landed price imports. British exporters can thus get more than by selling at home. On the other hand it would be fatal for British traders to take undue advantage of the temporary scarcity abroad by asking immoderate prices for they must get long-term customers. Between these opposing trends our prices must be nicely balanced. Thus far there has been no attempt to exploit the market."

ROHILKHAND RAILWAY REPAYS CAPITAL

LONDON, March 22 (A.P.A.)

Stockholders of the Rohilkhand-Kumaon Railway have accepted the offer of the secretary of State for India in disputed matters: the company to contribute 29,300 pounds to staff benefits, less tax allowance, the company to receive 6,800 pounds, less tax, for loss of earnings for rolling stock which has been requisitioned, the balance to the company still payable being about 99,000 pounds.

The agreement enabled the company to repay capital aggregating 333 pounds per hundred pounds of stock.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET

CHICAGO, March 22 (U.P.A.)—Rye led a strong futures market on the Chicago Commodity Exchange today.

Trading was brisk on rumours of huge Government purchases of rye for export to Belgium.

Some exporters doubted whether sales for the past two days ran as high as three million bushels, contending there is not that much rye in a position for shipping.

WALL STREET MARKET

NEW YORK, March 22 (U.P.A.)—Prices were irregular in a light volume on the New York Stock Exchange today.

Most railroad issues made fair gains although special issues met profit taking after gaining up to four points.

Steels, motors and oil issues firmed while utilities also showed a tendency to firm.

N.Y. CLOTH MARKET

NEW YORK, March 22 (U.P.A.)—There was little activity in the textile trade on Worth Street today.

Heavy pressure continued for supplies to fill high rated priority orders and traders continued to hesitate pending clarification of Government regulations, war developments and costing problems.

WOODEN SHUTTLES

"To mention one striking example, wooden shuttles for cotton looms have been imported into India from the United Kingdom at three shillings six pence each whereas similar shuttles were imported by the Government of India from the United States at twenty-one shillings each."

"Perhaps this was carrying the old-fashioned British respectability a little far considering that Indian cotton spinners were at the same time making colossal profits."

LONDON WHEAT

LONDON, March 22.

Wheat Rosario Santa Fe (New Crop) 42/3 May quoted, Wheat Australian (Bulk) unoffered, Wheat Australian (Bags) unoffered.

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Scattered Selling At Rise In Shares

BULLION MARKET FIRM ON BULL SUPPORT

Belgian Inquiry For Indian Cotton

BOMBAY, March 23.

The Bombay Stock Exchange was barely steady. The market opened steady and recorded further small improvement, but scattered selling appeared. Price changes were narrow. Steel Shares were steady and textiles ruled quiet.

Bullion Market was steady with Bull support. Cotton ruled firm on export enquiry from Belgium and active Bull support.

The Share Bazar was steady with a restricted turnover and it being week-end session, there was absence of any important fresh business. On one side the market sentiment is influenced by war news while on the other side, steady increase in note issue week after week is promoting holding movement. Thus at present the market is without price trend, and is moving on routine business within a narrow range. Tata Steel Deds opened at Rs. 2107 and after improving to Rs. 2111 eased off to Rs. 2097 and again rallied to Rs. 2103. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 388 and steadied at Rs. 387. Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 1368 and quietened at Rs. 1361. Kohinoors opened at Rs. 615 and steadied at Rs. 612. Indian Irons were placed at Rs. 40. Andhras were quoted at Rs. 203/12 and Associated Cements changed hands at Rs. 231/8. Bellapurs stood at Rs. 220.

TEXTILE: Ahmedabad Advance 425, Apollo 4/4, Bharat Spg. 60/12, Bombay Dyeing 1855, Central India 381, Century 930, Dawn 1180, Colaba 214, Edward 730, Elphinstone 84/8, Finlay 306, Gokak 304, Hindustan 362/8, Ind. Bleaching 175, India United O. 14/10, India United D. 3/1-1/4, Indor 715, Khatau 335, Kohinoor 612, Lakshmi 1307, Madhovji 17, Minerva 255 Model Nagpur 253/12, Madhusudan 425, Meyer 213/2, Morarji 722/12, Mysore 305, New Great 375, Phoenix 582/8, Podar 333/12, Sassoon Silk 87/8, Sassoon Spg. 22, Shrinivas 256/4, Sholapur 7665, Simplex 263, Swadeshi 550 Swan 331, Tata Mills 60/8, Vishnu 476/4, Western India 3580.

INSURANCE: Bombay Life 875, Empire Life 1315, Vulcan 17/2, Oriental 6600, New India 80 Ind. Prudent 51, Indian Mercant 70/8, Jupiter 33/8.

HYDRO & ELECT: Ahmedabad Electric 232/8, Andhra Valley 1790, Ajmere 15/2, Bom. Tram 147 Bom. Suburban 211/14, Broach 12/12 Poona 300, Karachi 227, Surat Old 225, Surat New 90, Tata Power 1885, Tata Hydro 204.

BANK: Baroda 141/12, India 190, Central 82, Dena Bank 74, Imperial F P 1992/8, Imperial P P 495/10, Reserve 135, Habib 81, U Co. 70, Union 9/4.

PREF SHARES: 7 p c And. Valley 1680, 6 p c Bom. Steamer 361/4, 7 p c Bom. Tram 66/8, 7 p c Bradbury 525, 5 p c Cent. India 737, 7 p c Elphinstone 123/12, 6-1/2 p c Jupiter 18/14, 6 p c Tata 1st 224/4, 4-1/2 p c Tata 2nd 160/4, 6-1/2 p c Tata Hydro 205, 7-1/2 p c Tata Power 1886/4, 7 p c Vishnu 80.

DEBENTURES: 4 p c And. Valley 107/8, 4 p c Tata Power 107/10, 4 p c Tata Chemi 127/8, 4-1/2 p c Bom. Steam 103/12, 6 p c Marsland Pr. 121.

RAILWAYS: Ahmedabad Prantij 732/8, Cent. Province 107/8, Hasiarpur 121, Mandrabhom 110, Memensingh R. 111, Memensingh G. 111/4, Sarasirangunj 112, Sialkot Nar. 120.

MISCELLANEOUS: Alembic 325, Alcock 428/12, Asso. Cement 231/8, Burma Old 520, Burma New 198/12, Belapur 219/8, B B Petrol 5/2-1/2, Bom. Steamer 557/8, Investa Trust 121/4, Prem. Const. 209, Port Canning 104, Scindia 34/1, Shivrajpur 53, Tata Chemi. 20/5, Tata Oil 66/12, Tata Ord. 388, Tata Def. 2102/8, Wimco 326/4, B I C 6/10, Bradbury 365, Burma Corp. 5/6-1/2,

RECORD OF ACTUAL TRANSACTIONS IN SHARES

BOMBAY, March 23.
MILLS

Ahmedabad Advance 398/12
Apollo 4/4
Bharat 60/8 60/12
B. Dyeing 1855 55
Central India (Ord) 382 81
Central India (Pref) 733/12 35/10
Century 930
Colaba 214
Edward 730
Elphinstone (Ord) 85 84/8
Elphinstone (Pref) 123/12
Finlay 306
Gokak 304
India United (Defd) 3/1/6
India United (Ord) 14/10
Indore Malwa 713/12 16/4 15
Khatau 335
Kohinoor 619/12
Madhusudan 325
Meyer 213/2
Model 203/12
Morarjee 751/4
New Great 375
Podar 335
Simplex 263
Swadeshi 553 50
Swan 351
Tata Mills 61 60/8
Ahmedabad Prantej Rly. 730 32/8

BANKS

A B C 37/2
Baroda 138/8 (Ex. Div)
Central 82 81/12 82
Imperial (Old) 1990
India 190
Reserve 135
Union 9/4

ELECTRIC

Ahmedabad 232/8
Andhra Valley 1790
Tram (Ord) 147
Tram (Pref) 66/8
Bombay Suburban 212/8 11/14
Power (Pref) 1885

INSURANCE

British India Gen. 22
Empire 1315
Indian Mercantile 70/8
New India 80
Vulcan 17/2
Scindia 34/2 34/1
Tata Steel (Defd) 2108/12 10 2097/8 2102/8
Tata Steel (Ord) 388 86/8 88
Tata Steel (2nd Pref) 160/4

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock 427/8
A Cement 231/8
Belapur 219/8
Burmah (Old) 516/4 20
B B Petrol 5/2/6
Indian Bleaching 175
Port Canning 104/4 4
P Construction (Ord) 208
Shivrajpur 53/8
Tata Chemical 20/5
Tata Oil 66/12
Walchandnagar (Pref) 280
Western India Match 322
Vasant Insurance Co. 26

Dharamsey Chem. 51/4 Indian Copper 3-1/2, Indian Irons 39/14, Jaipur Bank 71, H C Bank 54, New City 395, New Union 22/12, New Vict. Ord 7/7, New Vict. Pref 9/4, Steel Corp. 33, Raza Text 82, Cawnpore 13, Rampur Maize 16, Dhrangodhra 485, Vasant Ins. 26.

PRODUCE RECEIPTS
BOMBAY, March 23.

Cotton Bales	20,422
Linseed Cwts	15,688
Groundnuts Cwts	13,743
Castorseeds Cwts	3,170
Cottonseeds Cwts	2,054

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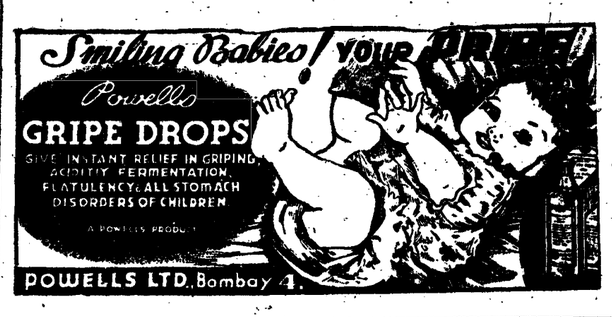
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NEW YORK, March 22.

The market was narrow with price-fixing absorbing selling based on favourable war news and talk of early peace. Meanwhile the Office of Price Administration's proposal to institute an escalator type of cotton textile ceilings in the near future was an additional uncertain factor. Prices kept steady under the leadership of new crop months possibly reflecting delayed crop preparation and small acreage ideas. The market closed steady.

July delivery opened at one point higher 21.30 and declined to 21.18 which was the lowest and later improved to 21.33. The market fluctuated within a narrow range of 5 points and finally closed at a net rise of 2 to 6 points. Spot cotton price improved 3 points at 22.48c per lb.

NEW YORK COTTON
NEW YORK, March 22

May	22.13+03
July	21.32+03
October	21.23+06
December	21.12+06
January	21.06+06
March	21.00+04
July highest (2-47 p m)	21.33+09
July lowest (10-21 a m)	21.18—01
Middling Spot	22.48+03

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

May	22.10+05
July	21.79+06
October	21.21+05
Middling Spot	21.65+05

NOON CALL

May	22 11
July	21 79
October	21.18

Gold & Silver

The Reserve Bank of India sold today 300 bars Silver at Rs. 129/6 and 35,000 tolas Gold at Rs. 72/12.

The local market was fairly firm on active Mill support as under the present design of weekly settlements. the market provides huge profits to bulls. Thus the professional operators are constant manipulators and have earned more than 50 per cent of the value of bullion prices during the last few months in way of discounts for carry over facilities provided by them. However relying on excellent war news, short sales remain attractive and the market is thriving.

Forward Gold opened to-day at Rs. 72/6 and advanced to Rs. 72/14 and later steadied at Rs. 72/10. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 73/4. Forward Silver opened at Rs. 123/8 and rose to Rs. 129/8 under active professional buying and later steadied at Rs. 129/4. Ready Silver was placed at Rs. 129/14.

The market ruled steady and closing quotations were as under:—

Silver Ready	130	8	0
Silver Settlement	129	8	0
Gold Ready	73	10	0
Gold Settlement	73	0	0

EHUJ, March 23.

To-day Hundi Kories 353, Silver Rs. 107, Gold Rs. 69.

Bombay Cotton

There is a good enquiry for Indian cotton from Belgium and other liberated countries and the Government of India has agreed to issue necessary licence for those who are willing to export. Thus after a lapse of about 5 years for the first we have an enquiry from the European Continent and with Indian Cotton selling at attractive price, moderate business is likely to develop.

The local market opened steady to-day at Rs. 456/8 for May delivery and ruled steady at Rs. 456/4. March delivery also improved to May level on covering by shorts prior to the running out of the month.

Later on there was scattered selling and May delivery declined to Rs. 455/4. At this level there appeared active bull support and the market firmed up to Rs. 456/8. The March settlement is now getting over and the market will be able to attain its due levels based on supply and demand. As anticipated the export enquiry is now appearing and we believe important business is likely to follow. The cotton on its own merits is a purchase at present price. Closing quotations at 6 p m were as under:—

I C C March	456	12	0
I C C May	457	12	0
I C C July	471	12	0
I C C Sept.	477	12	0

COTTON TENDERS
BOMBAY, March 22.

	To-day.	Total.
March	12,200	126,250

COTTON PARITY

Indian Cotton May Contract is 456 cent points below New York May at Exchange rate 331.

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES
BOMBAY, March 22.

	Hi.	Low.	Closing at 6 p.m.
I C C March	455	446	455
I C C May	455-1/4	450	455
I C C July	469-3/4	465-1/2	469-3/4
I C C Sept.	477-3/4	474	477-3/4
Karachi 4F May	46/13/0	46/7/3	46/13/0

BOMBAY PRODUCE
BOMBAY, March 23.

The market was quietly steady and owing to absence of business quotations were mostly unchanged. Groundnuts Oil wagon condition Rs 10/4, March Rs 10/4, April Rs 10/1 and May/June Rs 10/2 Linseed Oil Rs 11/12, Castorseeds Oil Rs 11/4, Groundnuts Khandeah quality Rs 14/5, Bold Rs 13/10 Goa, delivery Rs 13/14, Castorseeds Bombay Rs 15/3, Goa delivery Rs 15/5, Linseed U P and C P Rs 15/9 and N S Railway Rs. 15/7.

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NOTICE TO BOMBAY REGIONAL MOTOR OWNERS

OWNERS of Motor Vehicles, residing in the Bombay Region are informed that the fourth and the last quarter of the financial year 1944-1945 of the Motor Vehicle Tax ends on 31-3-1945. All owners who have paid the tax upto 31-3-1945 should therefore pay or remit now to the Motor Vehicles & Taxation Department, Gymnasium Road, off Cruickshank Road, Bombay, further tax for one or more quarters of the financial year 1945-1946 so that it may be credited on or before 14-4-1945. Payments will be accepted on any working day between 10-30 A.M. and 2-30 P.M. and on Saturdays between 10-30 A.M. and 12-30 P.M.

Cheques should only be drawn in favour of the Dy. Commissioner of Police, Motor Vehicles & Taxation, Bombay, or the Executive Officer, Regional Transport Authority, Bombay. When tax is paid by cheque; the tax tokens and registration certificates will be issued only after the cheques are encashed by the Bank. Any delay in payment of tax due to any irregularity or otherwise will render the owner or the person in possession of the motor vehicle liable to a penalty. Third-party cheques will not be accepted.

Owners of motor vehicles bearing extra-provincial or State numbers should note that the 15 days grace period does not apply to them and that the tax due should be paid on or before the expiry of the tax token, if any, issued to them and in the case of new arrivals, a report of arrival should be submitted to the nearest Registering Authority in the prescribed form within seven days from the date of entering the Province.

Motor owners are further informed that under Rule 26 of the Bombay Motor Vehicles Tax Rules 1940, nonuse intimation should be sent so as to reach this office on or before 31-3-45, the date of expiry of the period upto which the tax has been paid.

Motor Vehicles & Taxation Department,
Gymnasium Road, Off Cruickshank Road, BOMBAY.

(Sd.) E. SHEEHY,
Dy. Commissioner of Police,
Motor Vehicles & Taxation,
Bombay. 2595

MARINE & GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company at Manekia Chambers, Dhobi Talao, Bombay 2 on Tuesday the 17th April, 1945 at 4 P.M. to transact the following business:—

1. To confirm the minutes of the Statutory and the Extra-Ordinary General Meetings.
2. To receive and adopt Report of the Directors and the Audited Accounts for the period ended 31st December, 1944.
3. To elect Directors in place of Messrs. Dawood Haji Nassur, Vadilal Chatrabhuj Gandhi, Varjiwandas Tribhuvan Sheth, Ebrahim Munjee, Nyalchand Mulchand Sheth, Esmail Abdul Karim Panju, who retire under Article No. 117 and Messrs. Ahmed A. Fazalbhoy and Nanji Kalidas Savani who retire under article No. 99 and being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.
4. To appoint Auditors for the year 1945 and to fix their remuneration.
5. To do such other work as may be placed before the meeting by the Chairman.

By Order of the Board,
G. DHARAMSEY,
Managing Director.

Bombay, 20th March, 1945.

N.B.—The transfer books of the Company will be closed from 4th April 1945 to 18th April, 1945 both days inclusive.

To all Shareholders and in particular to:—

Mr. Ladhoobhai Janmahomed.
Mr. Biharidas Kalyanjee.
Mr. Razaali Hajee Dawood.
M|s. Allimahomed Haji Ahmed & Sons Limited.
Mr. Sheth Jayantilal.
Mr. Abdulrasul Haji Moledina.
Mr. Manilal Bhimjee Maradia.
Mr. Khoja Jaffer Gulamhusain.
Mr. Jina Jiva.
Messrs Abdulla Kanjee & Sons Limited.
Mr. Mahomedbhai Sachedina Kalyan.
Mr. Husain Ahmed. 2596

FOR SALE.

GINNING FACTORY AT DHAMAK (C.P.).

In the matter of the Indian Companies Act VII of 1913
and
In the matter of the NEW PACHORA MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

OFFERS ARE INVITED for the purchase of the above Company's property including 4 Acres of Land, Factory, Building and Machinery including 20 Platt Bros., Gins, 1 Lancashire Boiler and 1 Donkey Pump.

Offers should be submitted to the undersigned on or before the 31st of March.

M. J. DIVHA,
Liquidator.
22, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay. 2559

PUBLIC NOTICES

ORDER

Finance Department (Supply)
Bombay Castle, 19th March 1945.

No. 38 (IV)|IV-E. In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (2) of rule 81 of the Defence of India Rules, and in supersession of the Order issued in Government Notification, Finance Department (Supply) No. 39|21115|-IV-E, dated the 19th December, 1944, the Government of Bombay is pleased to make the following Order, namely:—

1. SHORT TITLE, EXTENT AND COMMENCEMENT—
   (i) This Order may be called the Bombay Soft Coke Price Control Order, 1945.
   (ii) It extends to the whole of the Province of Bombay.
   (iii) It shall come into force on 19th March 1945.
2. RESTRICTION OF PRICES
   (a) No person shall sell or cause to be sold soft coke of quality specified in column 1 of Schedule I annexed hereto—
   (i) WHOLESALE, at a price higher than that specified against it in column 2 thereof, and
   (ii) RETAIL, at a price higher than that specified against it in column 3 thereof.
   (b) The Bombay Gas Company, Ltd., shall not sell or cause to be sold soft coke of the varieties specified in column 1 of Schedule II annexed hereto produced by it—
   (i) WHOLESALE, to authorised agents, at prices higher than those respectively specified against them in column 3 thereof:
   (ii) WHOLESALE, to persons other than the authorised agents at prices higher than those respectively specified against them in column 2 thereof; and
   (iii) RETAIL, at prices higher than those respectively specified against them in column 4 thereof.
   (c) No person shall sell or cause to be sold soft coke of the varieties specified in column 1 of Schedule II annexed hereto—
   (i) WHOLESALE, at prices higher than those respectively specified against them in column 2 thereof; and
   (ii) RETAIL, at prices higher than those respectively specified against them in column 4 thereof.
   (d) The maximum prices fixed under sub-clauses (a), (b) and (c) are exclusive of the charges of delivery which shall not exceed in respect of the modes of delivery specified in column 1 of Schedule III annexed hereto the rates respectively specified against them in column 2 thereof; these rates are chargeable for deliveries within a radius of five miles from a depot or the gas works, as the case may be, and may be increased pro rata for longer distances.

EXPLANATION—For the purposes of this Order 'Wholesale Sales' means sales in quantities of 10 cwts. and above.

SCHEDULE I.

Quality. 1.	Wholesale price (ex-depot) per ton. 2. Rs. as. ps.	Retail price (ex-depot) per cwt. 3. Rs. as. ps.
Soft coke imported from Collieries	42 0 0	2 8 0

SCHEDULE II

Varieties. 1.	Wholesale price (ex-depot) for public, per ton. 2. Rs. as. ps.	Wholesale price (ex-gas works) for authorised agents, per ton. 3. Rs. as. ps.	Retail price (ex-depot) per cwt. 4. Rs. as. ps.
Produced by the Bombay Gas Co., Ltd.			
1. Large, industrial domestic and rivet size	55 0 0	45 0 0	3 0 0
2. Breeze size	33 0 0	27 6 0	2 0 0

SCHEDULE III

Mode of delivery. 1.	Charges for delivery. 2. Rs. as. ps.
By motor lorry	at 7 8 0 per ton
By cart	at 5 0 0 per cart if the quantity in a cart is not less than half a ton;
By any other mode	0 6 0 per cwt.

By order of the Governor of Bombay,
A. D. GORWALA,
Secretary to Government. (2597)

NOTICE

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Western India Builders' Association was held in Poona and the following office-bearers were elected for the year 1945.

1. Mr. N. G. RANADE ..... President.
2. Mr. MANGALDAS N. VERMA ..... Vice-President
3. Mr. J. V. DATAR ..... Hon. Secretary
4. Mr. DORIA ..... Hon. Treasurer
5. Mr. E. M. BILLIMORIA ..... Member
6. Mr. M. P. SHAH ..... Member
7. Mr. E. A. TARAPORE ..... Member

The Annual Dinner of the Association will be held in Bombay at the Taj Mahal Hotel on the 29th evening. 2607

B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY

RESERVATION OF UPPER CLASS ACCOMMODATION

Owing to pressure of second class passenger traffic at the present time, sleeping accommodation cannot be provided for second class passengers on the following trains:—

No. 5 Down Kathiawar Mail from Bombay to Viramgam.
No. 1 Down Gujarat Mail from Bombay to Ahmedabad.
No. 7 Down Passenger from Bombay to Ahmedabad.
No. 8 Up Passenger from Ahmedabad to Bombay.
No. 2 Up Gujarat Mail from Ahmedabad to Bombay.
No. 10 Up Kathiawar Mail from Viramgam to Bombay.

Only seating accommodation is available and no berths can, therefore, be reserved in these trains. Passengers may, however, register their names for seats, which will be provided to the limit of the accommodation available. No reservation fee will be charged for reservation of seats. The reservation of seats also applies to second class accommodation in the through carriage attached to No. 1 Down Gujarat Mail from Bombay to Ratlam and to No. 20 Up Passenger from Ratlam to Bombay.

A starting station for the purpose of reservation of accommodation is the station from which a train originates. If one or more carriages are attached to a train at an intermediate station as a permanent arrangement that station is considered a starting station for the purpose of reservation in the carriage or carriages attached. 2606

INDIAN FOOD PRESERVERS' CONFERENCE

ALL INDIAN FOOD PRESERVERS are cordially invited to attend Conference on 31st March 1945 in B.E.S.T. Hall in Bombay between 10-30 a.m. and 4-30 p.m. Admission by free tickets available from

N. Y. KASHALKAR,
Madhu Canning Co. Ltd.,
Bombay 14. 7655

G. I. P. RLY.

THE DIVISIONAL ENGINEER, G. I. P. Railway Bombay invites tenders upto 12 hours on 2-4-45 for constructing one Unit J type quarter with latrine and compound wall at Talegaon.

The form of tender schedule and conditions of contract can be obtained from his office on payment of Rs. 2 per set. Plans for the work will be supplied on an additional payment of Rs. 3 being made. These sums will not be refunded. 2601

THE COMILLA UNION BANK LTD.

Lentin Chambers, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay.

WANTED the following staff for our Bombay Branch:—

(1) Two Ledger-keepers—minimum qualification must be Matriculates, preferably with previous experience. Salary and allowances aggregating between Rs. 80|- to Rs. 100|-.

(2) One Typist and Correspondence Clerk—must be at least Matriculate, fast and accurate with previous experience of office work. Salary and allowances aggregating between Rs. 75|- to Rs. 100|-.

(3) One Cashier—at least Matriculate with previous experience in any Banking Concern. Security Deposit of Rs. 10,000|- in cash or in Government Securities essential. Salary and allowances aggregating between Rs. 100|- to Rs. 150|-.

(4) One Cashier—must have had previous experience in any Banking Concern. Security Deposit of Rs. 5,000|- in cash or in Government Securities essential. Salary and allowances aggregating between Rs. 90|- to Rs. 125|-.

The selected candidates will be on probation for a period of 3 months whereafter they will be confirmed if found satisfactory, when they will be subject to all the service rules including Provident Fund, Leave, etc.

Apply in own handwriting enclosing copies of testimonials to:
G. T. DAS,
Agent. 2600

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

CONTROL OF CAPITAL ISSUES.

THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS are made to the list already published of questions to be answered in applications for consent or recognition to the issue of capital by companies.

Q. 4 (a): "Note: Mere reference to the objects stated in the Memorandum of Association is usually unacceptable."

Q. 4 (b). "Note: This does not refer to the Company's head office (see Q. 2) but to the place of actual operations (e.g. in the cases of industries, location of factory).

New Q. 5A. "MANAGING AGENTS. Give name and address of Managing Agents, if any, appointed or to be appointed."

Q. 6. "and describing the voting rights of each class of share."

Q. 8 (d). "In respect of capital goods, state whether an application for registration has been made to the Chief Controller of Imports and if so, whether registration has been accorded (quote number and date of registration certificate)."

(Sd.) A. H. LLOYD,
Examiner of Capital Issues.
13th March, 1945. 2549

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS INVITED to fill temporary non-gazetted appointments in Survey of India, which will be for duration of war subject to termination on one month's notice. Initial pay according qualifications minimum Rs. 100|- for graduates, pay for First Division Intermediates will be fixed after test and interview, annual increments not less than Rs. 10|-. Incumbents will be considered for appointment to Upper Subordinate Service carrying maximum pay of Rs. 240|- per mensem, with chances promotion gazetted appointments carrying maximum pay Rs. 600|-. If permanently appointed service in temporary post counts for leave and pension.

Candidates must be physically fit and between 18 and 25 years of age on 1st June, 1945; must have passed degree examination of recognised University with mathematics or geography or Intermediate examination in first division with mathematics (those with free hand and map drawing qualifications preferred) and must be willing join Survey Supplementary Reserve for which 25% additional pay granted. Reservists have liability active military service with Indian Survey Units in or out of India. When mobilized, emoluments are further enhanced upto 100% according to local conditions.

Application forms, obtainable from Director, Frontier Circle, Survey of India, Murree, Punjab, must be completed and returned to that office by 16th April, 1945.

Applicants must come at own expense for interview and test at Bangalore, Calcutta or Lahore on 8th May, 1945. Selected Candidates required to join at Mansehra, Hazara District, North-West Frontier Province by 1st June, 1945. 2580

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED on or before 5-4-'45 for the post of Supervisor in the Government Photo Registry, Poona, in the scale of Rs. 95-5-125 plus dearness allowance.

(1) Candidate should be Graduate of any recognised University, and with experience of a Head Clerk or Supervisor in any office. The applicant should state his age, caste and domicile and send copies of certificates of his previous employment and experience.

(2) Suitable candidate will be called for an interview at his OWN EXPENSE.

Inspector General of Registration, Bombay Province, Poona.

No. P.H.-72.
Poona, 20-3-1945. 2578

THE TATA IRON AND STEEL COMPANY LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the certificates for five Second Preference Shares Nos. 537510/14 of the Tata Iron and Steel Company Ltd., standing in the name of Bai Devkuvarbai Narpar have been lost or mislaid and the undersigned has applied to the Company to issue duplicate certificates for the said shares. Any person who has a claim in respect of the said shares should lodge such claim with the Company at its registered Office, Bombay House, 24, Bruce Street, Fort, Bombay within one month from this date, else the Company will proceed to issue duplicate Share Certificates.

(Sd.) DEVKUVARBAI NARPAR.
Date 22nd March 1945. 2603

PUBLIC NOTICES

GHATKOPAR-KIROL MUNICIPALITY

NOTICE.

(Under sections 64 and 65 of the District Municipality Act, 1901)

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Assessment Lists of the Ghatkopar-Kirol Municipality for the year 1945-46 have been completed and published and are open for inspection at the Municipal Office at Ghatkopar during office hours on all working days.

Any person claiming to be either owner or occupier of any property included in the lists or any agent of such person shall be at liberty to inspect the lists and take extracts therefrom without any charge.

If any such owner, occupier or representative has any objection to this assessment, he or she should send his or her objection in writing so as to reach the Undersigned on or before the 30th April 1945 after which no objection to the said assessment will be considered.

(Sd.) P. D. DAFTARY,
Chairman,
Managing Committee,
Ghatkopar-Kirol Municipality.
Municipal Office,
Ghatkopar,
22nd March, 1945. (2604)

NOTICE.

A LARGE COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENT requires a first class Labour Welfare Officer with initiative. Experienced men preferred.

Apply Box No. 2560, "Bombay Chronicle".

BOMBAY PORT TRUST.

LABOUR WELFARE DEPARTMENT

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the post of "WOMAN WELFARE WORKER."

PAY—Rs. 200—10—400 PLUS a conveyance allowance of Rs. 60 per month and such House Allowance as may be admissible under the Rules PLUS a temporary War Allawance which at present is fixed at 10 per cent. of pay. A higher starting pay upto Rs. 300 per month may be given, if the selected candidate possesses special experience or qualifications. The post is full-time and permanent and no private practice will be allowed. The selected candidate will be on probation for a period of one year, whereafter she will be confirmed if found suitable. If confirmed in the appointment, she will be subject in all respects to the Trustees' Service Rules including Provident Fund, Leave, etc.

QUALIFICATIONS—M.B., B.S. of an Indian University or an equivalent British Qualification. Preference will be given to candidates who have experience of Labour or Social Welfare Work, or who possess Health Visitors' Diploma or other Social Service. Qualifications: Knowledge of Marathi also Hindi essential.

DUTIES—The principal duties of the post will be (a) to visit periodically families of labourers residing in Port Trust Quarters with a view to advising them about matters relating to health, home-hygiene, maternity, care of children, treatment of minor ailments, etc. and (b) to collect statistics and other material for schemes of social amelioration and generally to assist the Labour Welfare Officer.

Applications, which must be in the candidates' own handwriting, stating age, nationality, previous experience, academical and other special qualifications, present appointment, etc. accompanied by references and copies of testimonials (which will not be returned) should be forwarded to the undersigned in sealed covers, marked "WOMAN WELFARE WORKER" so as to reach him not later than 16th April, 1945.

Any attempt to influence directly or indirectly a member of the Board of Trustees or any Officer of the Bombay Port Trust will disqualify the candidate concerned.

BATUK H. MEHTA,
Labour Welfare Officer,
Bombay Port Trust,
Ballard Road, Fort, Bombay. (2594)

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